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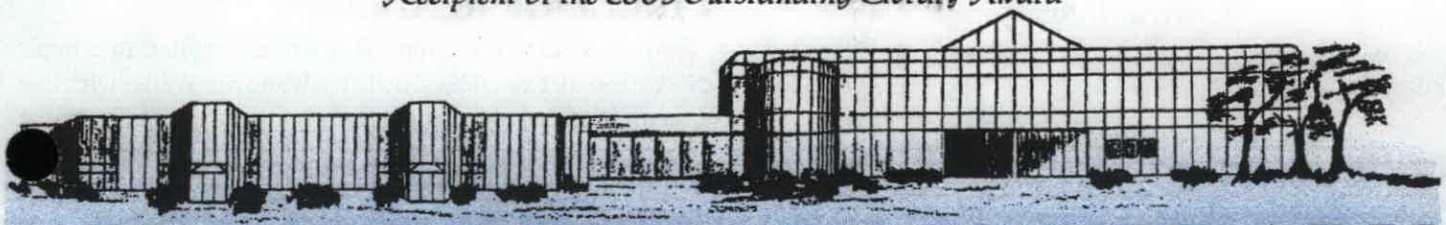

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 2007 HAPPENINGS@your library

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Accomplishing Resolutions at the Library

Ahh...the holidays are over! Our stress levels are dwindling so we can finally relax and start off the New Year with a fresh new attitude. The first step towards the new is year is supposed to be resolutions...right? Of course, making resolutions is easy, but do we really keep them? The key to the perfect resolution is to choose something that is simple to fulfill. Right now you may be pondering what is the easiest resolution? Well, I have the answer for you...utilizing the library to its fullest! Think about how easy that is.

If beginning a new hobby is your resolution, keep your library in mind. The library has so many things to offer that are completely FREE. From scrap booking, to gardening classes, to computer classes, to painting classes, the library has so many ways for you to enrich your mind and start a new hobby. And of course, since we are a library, there are various book discussions to choose from. We even offer a brand new book discussion on line. All you have to do is sign up on our website: **www.lakeco.lib.in.us**. How easy is that? And it is perfect if you don't have time to leave your home, or you want to keep out of the cold.

If your resolution is to keep up in fine arts and music, don't forget about our free music programs. Here at Central, we have different musical groups come and perform the night away. Last year we had performances by the Sweet Adelines, the Hoosier Grandpas, Traveler's Dream, and the Northwest Indiana Youth Chorus. Of course, this year, we will have just as many fabulous performances.

If your resolution is to meet new people and join in on entertaining events around town, then the Lake County Public Library Foundation has the event for you. Each spring, the LCPL Foundation hosts a fabulous afternoon with an amazing author presentation, a raffle and a long relaxing afternoon of tea, right here in the library! This year, the annual Literary Tea is scheduled for Saturday; April 28th. So mark your calendars!

Get to know your library!

We offer many programs to help you keep your New Year resolution. Learn a skill or hobby. Join a discussion group-book or current topic of the day. These and more are all available, **free**, at your library!

If your resolution is to encourage your children to grow and expand their minds through reading, our annual Read-A-Thon is coming up too! Each year, the Lake County Public Library Foundation joins schools in the area with hosting a Read-A-Thon, which encourages literacy among school aged-children. In the spring, the top winners are honored at a breakfast that is held at a banquet hall, where they get a chance to eat with their principal, school librarian and pose for a picture in the paper. In correlation with how many books they have read, the winners may win a ribbon, a trophy, or a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Participating schools will receive one-third of the total monies raised by their students. The Read-A-Thon starts January 8 and goes through February 16th. All you need to do is fill out the permission slip and return it to your school office, school librarian, or local branch library.

So happy New Year and good luck with your resolutions, whatever they may be!

Jennifer Burnison
Marketing Manager

Central Library

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769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

BOOKreMARKS

Local author, S. D. (Sandy) Tooley, will be joining the January Online Book Discussion featuring her book *When the Dead Speak*. This Calumet Region murder mystery begins with a crash on the Bishop Ford Freeway, explores Native American mysticism and exposes government cover-ups. To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 3 Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Jan. 3, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. Register by calling ext. 346.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Jan. 8 through March 7, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Classes for adults learning English as a second language will emphasize conversation, as well as, reading and writing. Three levels of instruction are offered. Classes will meet in the library's Literacy Center. Call ext. 309 for further details.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Jan. 10, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Register by calling ext. 346.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library

readers@lakeco.in.us

Have you Seen this Movie?

CIRCLE OF READERS

Jan. 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a book discussion of *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, which is a memoir of growing up in a family that is unconditionally loving but shockingly dysfunctional. Call ext. 340 to regis

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Jan. 12, Fri. at 9:30am A special program of "Music Madness" performed by members of the Northwest Indiana Symphony, will take place through the co-sponsorship of Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club and the Lake County Public Library. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Jan. 17, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence either in the library or from your home or office. Register by caling ext. 346.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Jan. 24, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to att this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

IDENTITY THEFT

Jan. 30, Tues. at 1pm One bit of personal information is all someone needs to steal your identity. While you can't entirely control whether you will become a victim, there are steps you can take to minimize your risk. Corrine Powell, Consumer & Family Sciences Educator from Purdue University, will address seven habits you can practice to prevent identity theft and what you must do if your identity is stolen. Register by calling ext. 317.

TEAM IN TRAINING

Jan. 30, Tues. from 6pm to 8:30pm Team-In-Training, the world's largest endurance sports training program, will host an informational session to discuss how the organization provides training to run or walk a full or half marathon, or participate in a triathlon or century (100 mile) bike ride. Participants raise funds for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma research and patient services. In exchange for raising fund participants receive personalized fitness training by certi coaches for a period of 4 to 5 months; training clinics; and lodging and airfare to the event of their choice. Last year 412

PAT & BRUSH

Jan. 27, Sat. at 9:30am Paint "Snow Life" on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a $14 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

SENSATIONAL SCIENCE

Jan. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will help conduct fun, simple experiments and make some to take home. They will also watch a film and eat some of their scientific creations. Must be Kindergarten age through adult to participate.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO

Jan. 8, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Orson Welles describes and shows the Egyptian treasures taken from the tomb of King Tutankhamun in *Tut the Boy King*. Film will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 9, Tues. at 2pm As Jackson Brodie, ex-husband, ex-[illegible] and weekend dad, begins to investigate three cold cases he discovers surprising connections and meets some unique characters in Kate Atkinson's *Case Histories*. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be served. Please call to register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 10, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

MORNING HOUR

Jan. 11, Thurs, at 10:30am The library co-sponsors this free program for seniors with First Financial Bank's Morning Hour Club. For program details call 972-7317. Refreshments will be served.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Jan. 15, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Via the big screen we will travel the streets of old Charleston, watch dolphins swim near Hilton Head, observe sweet grass baskets being made, and spend a day on a shrimp boat in the state of South Carolina. Refreshments will be served.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 18, Thurs. at 2pm Join us as we discuss this captivating tale of Cadi who seeks redemption for her sins from her Appalachian community's sin eater in Francine Rivers' *The Last Sin Eater*. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be served. Call to register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Jan. 22, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Come in and watch Shakespeare's classic comedy *Much Ado About Nothing* with two intermingled love stories, one sweetly poignant, and the other mischievously funny! Featured are Kenneth

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Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

Paul Revere, born in Boston January 1, 1735, was an American patriot and silversmith. He is best known for carrying the news of the approach of the British troops to Lexington, warning the Revolutionary leaders of their danger and calling the citizens of the countryside to arms. This ride was commemorated by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his *Paul Revere's Ride,* one of the most popular poems in American literature. Among many other contributions to the Revolution and his society, Paul Revere engraved political cartoons, took part in the Boston Tea Party, designed and printed the first issue of Continental paper currency, cast bronze cannon for the Revolutionary War effort and bronze bells still in use today, made the Massachusetts State Seal, and throughout continued his trade of crafting silver.

A display of books and other materials on Paul Revere's life and times will be found on the Upper Level through January. Each month the life and times of a different person of note will be highlighted, so be sure to come upstairs to be introduced to (or learn more about) some very interesting people you should know. As Paul Revere himself might have put it, "The Biographies are coming!"

Paul Revere and the World He Lived In
by Esther Forbes **(B Rev Forb)**

Paul Revere's Ride
by David Hackett Fischer **(973.3311 Fisc)**

The First Stroke: Lexington, Concord, and the Beginning of the American Revolution
by Thomas Fleming **(973.3311 Flem)**

The Minute Men: A Compact History of the Defenders of the American Colonies, 1645-1775
by John R. Galvin **(973.3311 Galv)**

William Diamond's Drum: The Beginning of the War of the American Revolution
by Arthur Bernon Tourtellot **(973.3311 Tour)**

Paul Revere, Goldsmith, 1735-1818
by Kathryn C. Buhler **(739.2209 Buhl)**

Branaugh, Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton and more. Film shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 25, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss James Ellroy's *Black Dahlia*, the story of flawed boxer-turned-lawman Bucky Bleichert. The detective becomes obsessed with Los Angeles' notorious unsolved 1947 murder. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be served. Call to register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Jan. 29, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Renaissance Man*, starring Danny Devito and Gregory Hines, is the story of an out-of-work Madison Avenue Ad Executive who joins up with Uncle Sam to turn a group of blockhead army recruits into bookish eggheads. Film will be presented on the big screen. Refreshments will be served.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BOOK CHAT

Jan. 16, Tues. at 2pm In the village of Lansquenet nothing much has changed in a hundred years, until Vianne Rocher and her exquisite chocolate shop arrive. Join in on this informal discussion of *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 18, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 12, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

TALK TO A LAWYER TODAY FOR FREE

Jan. 15, Mon. from 12:30pm to 6:30pm The Indiana State Bar Association, along with the First Judicial District Pro Bono Committee, is providing free legal information and advice to the general public on a one on one basis. This offer is open to anyone who wants or needs to discuss legal issues or has a legal question.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

LIFE COACHING STUDIO

Jan. 10, Wed. at 7pm This may very well be the year you actually keep your New Years resolutions. Life Coach Dr. Myrna Sarowitz will help you change your life in 12 minutes. Witness how the power of personal/business coaching can make you go from "stuck" to "unstuck" and place you on the path to achieving your goals.

NWI'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE: AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVENTURE

Jan. 11, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Mark Reshkin, Professor Emeritus at Indiana University Northwest, will kick off the New Year in the Munster Centennial Speaker series. Northwest Indiana, an area of starkly contrasting land uses, is in for another time of change. What brought industrial development here over 100 years ago was water and location – and those factors are as important today as back then. See how the Marquette Plan may change our course of action. These are exciting times in Northwest Indiana – perhaps the most ever. Refreshments will be served.

FAMILY FILM SERIES

Jan. 13, Sat. at 2pm Come watch the swashbuckling adventure and unforgettable characters that make the story of *Robin Hood* an all time favorite. The animal kingdom serves up a feast of bowmanship, swordplay and daring deeds in Disney's classic version of this medieval tale. Refreshments will be served.

EXPLORE ATHENS, DELPHI & THE GREEK ISLANDS

Jan. 18, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm While in Athens climb the majestic Acropolis and prowl the Plaka before taking some easy trips outside the city. Then island hop the Aegean. Catch some R & R on trendy Mykonos. Head off to the sacred Delos, an uninhabited island covered entirely with ancient ruins, and the place where the great sun god Apollo was born. Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Jan. 25, Thurs. at 1:30pm In Mary Alice Monroe's *The*

Ask a Librarian

Q: Can I find U.S. residential addresses and phone numbers at the library?

A: Yes! The library has a database called Reference USA available from the Library home page at *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*. Click on the Magazines, Newspapers, and Databases link and scroll down to the Reference USA link. From the Reference USA search screen, patrons can access 120 million U.S. household phone numbers and addresses. Unlisted numbers are not included. Patrons with Lake County Public Library cards and PIN numbers can also search Reference USA using their home or office computer and internet connection. For more information about this database, call the library at 769-3541.

Indiana residents participated, raising $1.2 million for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Call 800-846-7764, ext. 210 for more details.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Jan. 31, Wed. from 10:am to 11:30am Join in on this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly presentation should be attended prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Co-sponsored with Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana, registration will be taken at the toll free number of 888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES FOR DEMENTIA

Jan. 31, Wed. from Noon to 1:30pm This free monthly informational and interactive session will focus on advanced topics with regard to caring for individuals with progressive dementia. Topics will include such things as handling behavior/communication changes, assisting with activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, etc.), planning of activities, and addressing difficult transitions (i.e., loss of driving privileges). The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class, which is co-sponsored with Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana. Call toll free 888-303-0180 to register.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. — *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 — *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. — *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 — *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 8, Mon. at 12:30pm Fourteen years after being shot by a psychopath named Rose, former police detective Alex McKnight learns that she has been released from prison. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *A Cold Day in Paradise* by Steve Hamilton.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm *Driving Mr. Albert* by Michael Paterniti chronicles the adventures of an unlikely threesome – a freelance writer, an elderly pathologist, and Albert Einstein's brain – on a cross-country expedition. Come join us for what seems will be an interesting road trip!

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. — *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 — *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

STAMP CAMP

Jan. 9, Tues. at 6:30pm Are snow and soul in your future. Come and join our Stampin'Up guru as she guides you through the gifts and cards for the cold winter season and the heart warming holiday, Valentine's Day. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials supplied. Call to register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 17, Wed. at 7pm As a priest nears the end of his life, he is asked to prove or disprove the sainthood of a woman he knows well. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *The Last Report on Miracles at Little No Horse* by Louise Erdich.

GRIFFITH GAB

Jan. 22, Mon. at 1pm This airborne, contagious virus kills nine out of ten of its victims. In the winter of 1989 at an Army research facility outside Washington, DC, this scenario

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seemed like a real possibility. A SWAT team of soldiers and scientists had been organized to stop the outbreak of this "hot" virus. *The Hot Zone* by Richard Preston tells the dramatic story of real rare and lethal viruses and their "crashes" into the human race. Join us for dessert and a lively discussion of this unsettling and riveting saga.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

BEACH PARTY

Jan. 3, Wed. at 2pm Adults and children are invited to remember balmy days and enjoy fun in the sun with games, crafts and other warm and sunny activities.

SCRAP BOOKING

Jan. 3, Wed. at 6:30pm This is a class for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2 page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant Cynthia Kramer. Refreshments will be served. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Join in on the fun!

80's NIGHT

Jan. 8, Mon. at 5pm Teens will experience the 80's with music, food, games and more. The fun will include Karaoke, movies, pizza and ice cream eating contests among other events. Must be 11 years and older.

SNACK & PLAN

Jan. 8, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. Must be 12 and older.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Jan. 9, Tues. at 2pm *In Secrets of Alcatraz*, viewers will learn the history of this island from its early occupation by the military, it's prison days when it was known as Devil's Island, the Indian occupation after the closing of the prison, to its present use as a National Park. Refreshments will be served.

PAT & BRUSH

Jan. 16, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will paint "Colorful Calla Lillies" on an 8"x 10" canvas. A fee of $14, to cover the cost of materials that will be provided, is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

the Staff Recommends AV

Do you have a website for your business or organization? Are you thinking about getting one? The library recently acquired a new series of DVDs – *Best Practices for Your Website.*

This new ten part series includes information on website design and development, Internet advertising and marketing and an overview of electronic commerce.

Checkout these titles today:

DVD 659.13 COOL
Cool Tools: Blogs, Wikis, RSS, Podcasting

DVD 343.0994 STAY
Staying Out of Legal Trouble

DVD 658.872 WHAT
What We Know About the User Experience: Results of the OPA Study

DVD 659.144 TENM
Ten Mistakes Web Sites Still Make and How to Fix Them

DVD 005.75 REDE
Redesigning Your Web Site

DVD 658.87 MARK
Marketing Strategies to Drive Traffic to Your Site

DVD 659.144 ADVE
Advertising and the For-Profit Site

DVD 658.572 WEBA
Web Analytics: the Impact of Visitor Data on Site Optimization

DVD 659.2 SOCI
Social Computing: Rules of Engagement

DVD 004.678 STAT
State of the Web

BOOKS AND CHAT

Jan. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus III. This moving and profound story tells of the struggle between a former Iranian military officer and a young alcoholic over ownership of a house that has significant value to both of them.

TOWN FORUM WITH CONGRESSMAN PETE VISCLOSKY

Jan. 19, Fri. at 10:30am Come to this forum to learn of updates on the issues facing Congress and Northwest Indiana from U. S. Congressman Pete Visclosky. You will also have the opportunity to voice your own concerns to our representative.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Jan. 23, Tues. at 2pm Take a trip to beautiful and historic San Francisco. Refreshments will be served.

Book Club, five very different women meet monthly and at the same time find solace from the pain and recent changes in their lives.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 25, Thurs. from 10am till noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screenings.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Jan. 25, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Misanthrope* by Moliere, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Jan. 31, Wed. at 7pm Charles DeWitt of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Cosi fan tutte* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Jan. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

WHOSE LINE IS IT?

Jan. 4, Thurs. at 6:30pm The Hopeless Dramatics of Lake Central Theatre Company will present an improve comedy workshop for kids ages 9 to 19. Participants will learn easy improvisational comedy games. Snacks provided.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Jan. 17, Wed. at 7pm The history of the Iberian Peninsula comes alive in a one-hour travel video of Spain's most treasured buildings and monuments. Refreshments will be provided.

STAMP CAMP

Jan. 23, Tues. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up! provides an hour of creative expression. Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials supplied. Registration required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Jan. 24 or 25, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Readers are invited to discuss *Gilead*, Marilyn Robinson's beautiful novel about an old man who records the history of his family and of America by writing a long letter to his young son.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Jan. 9, Tues. at 1:30pm Biography lovers are invited to watch an A&E video biography of *James Earl Jones*, who overcame stuttering to become one of the world's most recognizable voices. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Jan. 16, Tues. at 10:15am Kinsey Millhone, a twice-divorced California private eye, is asked by Laurence Fife's second wife, Nikki, to re-investigate an old case. Eight years ago, womanizing divorce lawyer Fife was poisoned. Nikki was convicted, but is now out of jail and wants Kinsey to find the real murder in *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton. Register.

All LCPL branches will observe normal operating hours on MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY January 15, 2007.

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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the **Lake County Public Library** is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

It's Time for

READ-A-THON

Any child in the Lake County Public Library district can participate in this literacy campaign sponsored by the Library's Foundation. Sign-up at school or at the local library branch. Read as much as you can during this six week project – from January 9th through February 16th.

Read for fun! Read to learn! Read to be entertained! Prizes and gifts will be awarded to everyone who participates!

Ask your local librarian for details.

COLLECTORS!

Do you have a special collection that you would like to display? Schedule a time to place those items that give you a special pride in our secure, glass showcases and share the enjoyment your collection brings with library patrons. Call ext. 317 for details.

PHOTOGRAPHERS & ARTISTS

Care to display your photographs and/or artwork? We have openings during this year to showcase your talent along the walls of the Derner Gallery.
Call ext. 317 for details.

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CHARLOTTE, WILBER, AND FERN

Jan. 11, Thurs. at 4pm Children from Kindergarten through 3rd grade will hear stories about friendship and loyalty, and pigs and spiders. There will be games and a spider craft. Register by calling ext. 360.

CELEBRATE HIS DREAM-DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Jan. 15, Mon. at 2pm Families will listen to stories, sing songs and read excerpts from speeches to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please call ext. 360 to register.

QUEENS & KINGS, KNIGHTS & THINGS

Jan. 25, Thurs. at 4pm Dayanna Alvarado, the Northwest Indiana Duchess of the Union Benefica Mexicana Pageant will be our guest reader with feature stories, games and crafts about royalty past and present. As we await our guest's confirmation, school age children, Kindergarten through 2nd grade, can plan to dress in their royal attire! Register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

MESSAGE MAN

Jan. 11, Thurs. at 4:30pm I resolve to be organized in 2007! Children in Kindergarten and older will make a message man to help. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

GOT SOUP?

Jan. 10, Wed. at 4pm Children, ages 3 and older, are invited to come in from the cold and warm up with some "souper" stories and treats. Please register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

Y.A. COUNCIL

Jan. 4, Thurs. at 6:30pm What programs would you like the library to have? This is the time for teens, 11 and older, to come in and help plan programs for the year. We will also be playing board games. If you have a favorite bring it to share.

FEED THE BIRDS

Jan. 9, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 years old, will remember our feathered friends by making them some snacks, such as refrigerator biscuits or suet treats. They are easy to make! Register.

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SHH! LISTEN

Jan. 16, Tues. at 3:30pm Children ages 6 to 10 will hear more about Ben Franklin and will then make a tri-corner hat! Register.

PENGUINS

Jan. 23, Tues. at 3:30pm Children, ages 6 to 10, will have time for a little creativity by constructing penguin stick puppets. Register.

MEET CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

Jan. 25, Thurs. at 6:30pm It's a family fun night for both kids and adults. We will play games based on the adventures of Captain Underpants and learn the "Big Underwear" dance. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

BEACH PARTY

Jan. 3, Wed. at 2pm With a little imagination both kids and adults will remember warmer days and enjoy fun in the sun with games, crafts and other warm and sunny activities geared to all ages, though children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

CHESS

Jan. 4 & 18, Thurs. at 4pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Jan. 9 & 23, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will come in from the cold for a cozy time which will include stories, music activities, and crafts.

TODDLER TIME

Jan. 11 & 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more.

COME IN FROM THE COLD

Jan. 11, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 6th grade, will enjoy warm cocoa while listening to some wintry selections. They will also get a chance to make a snowman to take home.

BOOKS & BABIES

Jan. 16 & 30, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, ages 6 to 23 months, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities and rhymes.

WINTER CRAFT CORNER

Jan. 25, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 6th grade, will make a warm fleece scarf – no sewing required! Younger children, Kindergarten or 1st grade, may require a parent's assistance.

SENSATIONAL SCIENCE

Jan. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will help conduct fun simple experiments and make some to take home. They will also watch a film and eat some of their scientific creation. This is open to anyone from Kindergarten and older.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES: CLIFFORD STORY HOUR

Jan. 3, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will want to wear red to this fun-filled story hour featuring *Clifford the Big Red Dog*. Register.

TODDLERS LOVE CLIFFORD

Jan. 8, Mon. at 10:30am That loveable big red dog, Clifford, will be featured in this story time for two year olds and their caregivers. Register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Jan. 11, Thurs. from 5:30pm to 7pm Highland Library's Teen Advisory Board, T.A.B., and those wishing to join will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants (6th grade and up, or who have worked at least 20 hours as a library youth volunteer) will earn volunteer time. Register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 16, 23, 30, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pmpm Children, ages 6 to 35 months along with their caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. This program is offered on 4 consecutive Tuesdays through February 6th. Register.

BUSY BEES: STOMP!

Jan. 17, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Get ready to stop and swing your "trunks" with the friendly elephants featured in this story hour for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 years old. Register.

FEED THE BIRDS

Jan. 19, Fri. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, will help our feathered friends survive the winter by making a bird feeder to take home. Related activities include making "bird food" for people. Register.

TODDLERS WINTER WONDERLAND

Jan. 22, Mon. at 10:30am Winter is here! Toddlers, age 2, along with a caregiver, will enjoy winter-themed stories, active songs, and related activities. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

AFTER SCHOOL WINTER PROGRAM

Jan. 11, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear winter stories and create a snow scene mural. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Register.

SNOWY PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Jan. 16 or 17, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear a poem, stories, and finger plays about snow. They will also participate in some fun music and make "Grandfather Frost" figures. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Register.

WINTER TODDLER PROGRAM

Jan. 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 24 to 35 months of age, along with a caregiver, will hear a variety of stories, and participate in finger plays and songs. They will create a winter wonderland craft. Register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Jan. 10, Wed. at 6pm Children ages 3 to 5 can attend a Winter Story Time that will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE

Jan. 17, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, can enjoy a special after school movie. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO'S

Jan. 19, Fri. at 10:30am Here is a lap-sit story time for children between 18 to 35 months of age with a parent or caregiver. Included will be stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Registration required.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

FAMILY STORY TIME

Jan. 11, Thurs. at 6pm Come to this special Winter Story Time for an evening to be shared with adults and children. There will be stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SNACK & PLAN

Jan. 4, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Y.A. meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher will focus on planning upcoming events and signing up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Jan. 5 & 19, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this OFF-SITE story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

TERRIFIC 2s & 3s

Jan. 8 & 22, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Young children, ages 2 and 3 with their caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story times in January. The themes for this month are: Winter Animals and Hands & Feet. Each program will include stories, music, a craft and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 10 & 24, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age with a caregiver, are invited to join our Mother Goose sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

PIZZA, PIZZA

Jan. 12, Fri. from 1pm to 3pm Young adults, ages 11 and older, are invited to make pizza out of English muffins. Pizza sauce, cheese, mushrooms and onions will also be provided. Bring your favorite pizza topping and join us for a tasty time.

FANTASTIC 4s & 5s

Jan. 16 & 30, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story time in January. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. January themes are Winter Animals and Snowmen.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Jan. 17, Wed. at 4pm Join us as we discuss one of literature's most outstanding pigs, Wilbur, and his great friend, Charlotte. We will also preview the new movie!

JUNIE B. JONES

Jan. 31, Wed. at 4pm Junie B. Jones is a very funny and curious girl. School age children, Kindergarten and older, will see if they can answer her questions and make a fun craft.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2007!

Start your new year with this word search puzzle.

New Years

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ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

WHOSE LINE IS IT?

Jan. 4, Thurs. at 6:30pm The Hopeless Dramatics of Lake Central Theatre Company will present an improve comedy workshop for kids ages 9 to 19. Participants will learn easy improvisational comedy games. Snacks provided.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 9, 16, & 23, Tues. at either 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 6 months to 35 months, along with a caregiver, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. Register.

WHITE FANG

Jan. 13, Sat. at 2pm School age children, 5th grade and older, will watch the film *White Fang*, a 109 minute movie. Refreshments will be served. Register.

STAMP IT!

Jan. 20, Sat. from 10am to noon Join a demonstrator from Stampin'Up! for 3 winter/Valentine's Day projects which can be stamped. There is a $3.00 fee per child to cover the cost of materials provided. Register.

CHESS CLUB

Jan. 22, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children, from beginners to advanced, bring a friend and meet with this group to learn or improve chess skills and share strategies. Plan to meet the 4th Monday of every month!

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

JANUARY IS OATMEAL MONTH!

Jan. 13, Sat. at 1pm Children, grades Kindergarten and up, will make their own oatmeal cookie parfait and watch a short film in celebration of Oatmeal Month. Register.

FIRESIDE STORIES

Jan. 16 or 17, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will gather around the fireplace to hear stories, songs, finger plays and enjoy a cup of cocoa. Register.

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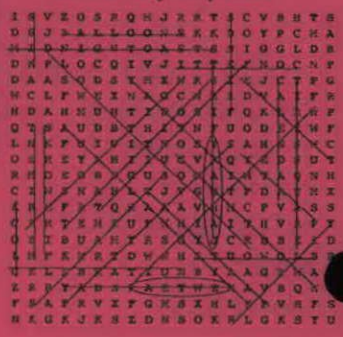
on
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
January 15, 2007

New Years

answer key to puzzle



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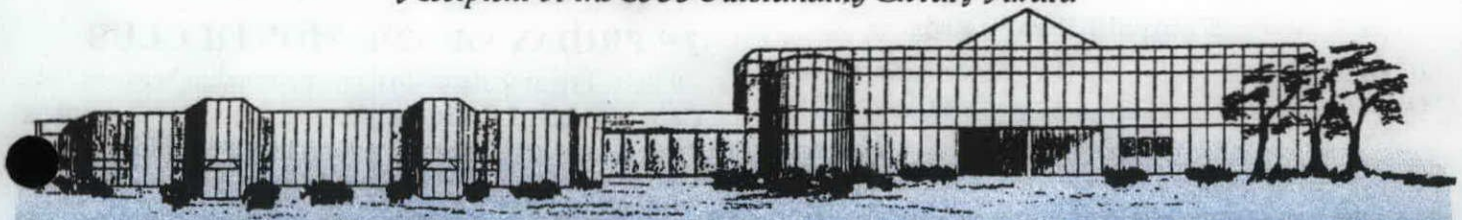

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2007 HAPPENINGS@your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us
editor Jennifer Burnison

Celebrate a "Love" for Your Library!

February is the time to join the library in celebrating "Library Lover's Month." According to Chase's Calendar of Events, Library Lover's Month is "a time for everyone, especially library support groups to recognize the value of libraries and work to ensure that libraries continue to serve."

There are many ways you can demonstrate your "love" for the library. You can give memorial gifts, an endowment, purchase a periodical title; join our Friends organization and help with the annual book sale and the Central Library book sale room, or offer a committed helping hand at your local library.

In 2006, our Highland Branch was blessed to have 14 adult volunteers assist the staff with daily activities.

- Mike Tobin, Marge Dubczak, Pat, Jim and Eric Secviar assisted with preparing videos and DVDs for the shelf.
- Dee Firsich and Stephanie Fistrovich sorted and prepared donated books for sale or exchange.
- Stan and Marie Skrentny maintained their adopted book shelves and assisted with our video/DVD collections.
- Vi Lesko helped locate materials for weeding and displays.
- Cheryle Cudzillo, Gordana Djuric, Dwayla and Rebekah Lamb assisted with the children's summer reading program and other children's programs.

Together these folks donated over 750 hours to help the Highland Branch Library during 2006! If this volunteer opportunity appeals to you, give your local library a call and discover how you can assist your branch staff or check out the volunteer opportunities link on our home page (www.lakeco.lib.in.us).

February is also when our thoughts turn to spring and getting our gardens ready to plant. In conjunction with the Highland Redevelopment Commission, the Highland Branch Library will once again offer a series of gardening classes to help you improve your gardening skills and the overall outward appearance of your home. With the assistance of many master gardeners, we will be offering classes in container gardening, lawn care, basic landscaping, native trees and grasses, and even a class on which paint and color to use on the outside of your home. These programs begin in February, so be sure to check the library's Happenings for the details.

Do you have children in your home? The Highland Branch Library offers a variety of programs for every child:

- For babies and toddlers 6 – 35 months old, we offer a new half hour interactive program based on Mother Goose nursery rhymes, appropriately called Mother Goose on the Loose.
- For 2 year olds, we offer a half hour toddler program featuring books and activity-based songs.
- For 3 to 5 year old children, we offer story hours which incorporate books, songs, finger plays, and crafts.
- We offer one after school program a month for school age children, which often involve stories and crafts or other activities.

In February 2007, show your love for the library by stopping in and learning more about the materials and services we offer. Join us this month as we celebrate libraries, your window to the world!

Kathy Deal
Highland Branch Library Manager

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Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

BOOKreMARKS

February's online book discussion is *Welcome to the World Baby Girl* by Fannie Flagg. A stressed New York TV celebrity is enveloped in the comfort of folksy Elmwood Springs, MO while she uncovers the family skeletons in her closet. Read by the author with southern charm, the audio version enhances this story. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us.

For more information about the online book discussions, visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Feb. 5 through Mar. 7, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Classes for adults learning English as a second language will emphasize conversation, as well as reading and writing. Three levels of instruction are offered. Classes will meet in the library's Literacy Center. Call ext. 309 for further details.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 7, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTER FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Feb. 7, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Register beginning Jan. 15th at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Ordinary Heroes*. In this novel by Scott Turow, a young man untangles the many mysteries surrounding his father and his father's role in World War II. Please register at ext. 340.

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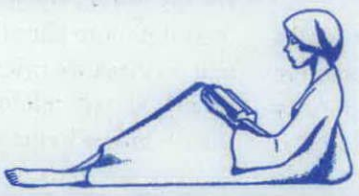

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RANDOM SELECTIONS
An at-large reading list

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

9 Feb., Fri. at 9:30am In a co-sponsorship between Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, this month's presentation will be a mystifying event, a "Valentine Mystery." Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free mysterious experience. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

GREAT DECISIONS

Feb. 13 & 27, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence our lives. It is an informational discussion introduced by a short video presentation. Now that the winter hiatus is over, the discussions pick up again on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. This month's topic is the U.S. & the Mideast. There is a one-time $5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos. For further information, call ext. 339.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Feb. 14, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Register beginning Jan. 15th at ext. 346.

DECORATING FOR THE SEASONS

Feb. 15, Thurs. at 7pm It is so exhilarating to decorate our homes for the holiday, but after that....what can we do? Decorating for the seasons is an exciting way to reinvent our homes with favorite and special items we may already have! Linda Sluiter, a certified Interior Redesign Industry Specialist and member of The Society of Design Professionals, will be here to explain many unique ways to bring a sense of something new into your home and make you fall in love with it again and again. Register at ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Feb. 21, Wed. at 2pm or 6m Learn how to locate printed and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence either in the library or from your home or office. Register beginning Jan. 15 at ext. 346.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Feb. 28, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to

Ask a Librarian

Q: The month of February is synonymous with chocolates, red roses, and Valentine's Day cards. Can you tell me more about how Americans celebrate Valentine's Day?

A: More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day, and over 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold. About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. Hallmark has over 1330 different Valentine's Day cards. Romantic cards are the best-sellers. 25 percent of Valentine's Day cards are humorous. Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and sweethearts.

attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Register beginning Jan. 15th at ext. 346.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 12, Mon. at 12:30pm Throwing herself into her work after the death of her husband, business woman Thea is devastated once again by the murder of her adopted sister and becomes compelled to seek out the truth behind Carrie's death. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Chosen for Death* by Kate Flora.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm *High Tide* by Jude Deveraux is full of warmth, humor, romance, and exciting adventure. Sent to the Everglades (of all places) to promote a new doll, Fiona Montgomery falls for the handsome river guide and then gets charged with murder. Come join us for a fun night of discussion and refreshments.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

STAMP CAMP

Feb. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm Our Stampin'Up expert will help you break out of the winter doldrums with items for St. Patrick's Day and the sunny days of spring. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials that are supplied. Please register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 21, Wed. at 7pm Doomed to work at the Mennonite Happy Family Farm, 16 year old Naomi Nickel, nevertheless, manages to bear witness to the dissolution of her family with a dark, sly wit. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *A Complicated Kindness* by Miriam Toews.

GRIFFITH GAB

Feb. 26, Mon. at 1pm He was the nation's most powerful lawman for over 50 years. He was the country's most controversial and feared public servant. He was responsible for transforming the FBI into an elite national crime fighting unit. How was this controversial figure able to stay in office during the tenure of nine presidents? Were those rumors and innuendos of his personal life and his Mafia association true? Author Richard Hack delves into the professional and personal life of this powerful government official in *Puppetmaster: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover*. Join us for a discussion of this unauthorized biography.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of TAB (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants, who must be 12 and older, will earn volunteer time.

SCRAP BOOKING

Feb. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer. Refreshments will be served. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

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UNVALENTINE'S DAY

Feb. 12, Mon. at 4pm Teens, 11 and older, will celebrate with less romantic games of X-Box, Fear Factor, Name that Tune, and others, enjoy film clips, munch on food, and more.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 13, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will paint "Tropical Bird: Blue Macaw" on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a fee of $14 to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Feb. 13, Tues. at 2pm The Life of Abraham Lincoln examines questions about our 16th president's life and leads to a fresh understanding of Lincoln, the man. Refreshments will be served.

BOOKS & CHAT

Feb. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson. This excellent journalistic narrative tells the true adventure of two Americans who risked everything to solve one of the last mysteries of World War II.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 24, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint a multimedia landscape on an 8"x 10" rice paper. A fee of $14 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

FEATHERED FRIENDS – FAMILY FUN

Feb. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will hear and participate with stories and other activities about birds. They will also make bird feeders, special bird food and paint with feathers.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Feb. 27, Tues. at 2pm Nepal offers a wealth of exotic culture, spectacular landscapes, and miles of terrain for trekking. Starting out in the vibrant capital of Katmandu, viewers will take a breathtaking flight over Mt. Everest, then head to Pokhara, to explore this romantic lakeside village, trek into the foothills of the Annapurna range, and visit terraced rice fields and small villages. Refreshments will be served.

All LCPL branches will observe normal operating hours on PRESIDENTS' DAY February 19, 2007.

Staff Recommends Periodicals

Aquarium Fish Magazine: is a practical, in-depth resource for fishkeepers. The color photography is beautiful, the layout is very attractive, and the articles are well written. There are numerous question and answer sections and a special section devoted to young fishkeepers called "FishKidz." A showcase of new products and a classified ads section are included in every issue.

Bird Talk: is a superb resource for bird owners. This attractive publication contains many excellent color photographs and well written and informative articles on topics ranging from profiles of bird species to bird psychology and health. Other items featured monthly consist of a calendar of avian conventions, seminars, fairs, and shows; a breeders' directory and a classified ads section.

Dog World: is loaded with color photographs and well written in-depth articles. ***Dog World*** is an excellent publication for dog owners, trainers and breeders. Contributors include veterinarians, agility trainers, exhibitors, breeders, handlers, and authors of books on dogs. Monthly departments include dogs in the news, new products for dogs and their owners, a directory of breeders, and a classified ads section.

Reptiles: is loaded with stunning photographs and articles on both reptiles and amphibians. The articles are well-written, in-depth, informative, and the layout of the magazine is very attractive. ***Reptiles Magazine*** also has several question and answer departments in which readers can pose questions to a veterinarian, a herpetoculturist, and a breeder.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

TAX AID FOR SENIORS & LOW INCOME PERSONS

Representatives of AARP will assist seniors and low income persons in filing their income tax for 2006. Tax preparers will be on the premises on Wednesdays from 2pm to 5pm, Thursdays from 1pm to 5pm, Fridays from 1pm to 5pm, and Saturdays from 9am to Noon by appointment only. Call the library to schedule an appointment.

HISTORY FILM

Feb. 5, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Discover the human side of this legendary house through candid interviews with every living president and first lady in *Inside the White House:*

America's Most Famous House. You will see the private living quarters of the first family and watch as the White House staff prepare the home for a state dinner. This film will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

MORNING HOUR

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am With his irresistible Welsh accent, J. Jay Brook sings and entertains in a way that touches everyone in this program co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Refreshments will be served. Please call 972-7317 to register.

GORDON WILDER'S SLIDE SHOW

Feb. 12, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will present slides of his recent trip to Michigan and the waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula. Slides will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 13, Tues. at 2pm When a suspected Nazi war criminal seeks refuge in Larkwood Priory, his case stirs up controversy and sparks an investigation by Father Anselm, a former barrister, into the events surrounding the roundup of Jewish children in 1940's Paris. Join in on the discussion of William Brodrick's *The Sixth Lamentation*. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 14, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

CONTAINER GARDENING

Feb. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm This is the first program in our 2007 Gardening Series co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Melissa Mravec, Landscape Designer with Allen Landscape, will present a program on container gardening. Please register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Feb. 19, Mon. at 2m & 6:30pm We will explore the sights and sounds of Utah as we listen to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, learn how racing pigeons are trained and hike through Red Canyon, Kodachrome Basin and Bryce Canyon National Park. The film will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 22, Thurs. at 7pm Join in on the discussion of Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*. This classic story is a true account of the murder of the Clutter family by two would-be robbers. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Please register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Feb. 26, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Often called "the greatest film ever made," *Citizen Kane* is a 1941 classic starring Orson Welles as a tragic newspaper tycoon who rises from humble beginnings to wealth beyond belief. The film will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

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Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

George Washington As we celebrate President's Day, what better life for our new Biography Display to highlight than that of our first president, George Washington. Far from being a mere figurehead chosen for his imposing appearance and manner, George Washington came to office as a successful farmer and enlightened landowner, experienced legislator, respected military hero, and the indispensable key in holding together the convention which ultimately wrote the Constitution of the United States. In fact, so revered was he by his fellow citizens that it was all he could do to thwart their desire to crown him king. As president, he sought to create a great and strong nation capable of surviving in a hazardous world, and thanks to his efforts, the young nation enjoyed a decade of peace in which to grow and prosper. By the time of his death in 1799, it truly could be said of him that he was "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Over 200 years later, most Americans would agree.

A display of books and other materials on the life and times of George Washington will be found on the Upper Level through February.

George Washington, the Founding Father
by Paul Johnson (B WAS JOHN)

His Excellency: George Washington
by Joseph J. Ellis (B WAS ELLI)

George Washington's War: The Forging of a Revolutionary Leader and the American Presidency
by Bruce Chadwick (973.33 CHAD)

Washington's Crossing
by David Hackett Fischer (973.332 FISC)

George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen From Both Sides
by Rosalyn Schanzer (973.3 SCHA)

George Washington's Christmas Farewell: A Mount Vernon Homecoming, 1783
by Stanley Weintraub (B WAS WEIN)

STAMP CAMP

Feb. 28, Wed. at 6:30pm Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up will show participants how to create several paper projects with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of materials that will be supplied. Registration is required.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 15, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

BOOK CHAT

Feb. 20, Tues. at 2pm Thirteen year old, Anna Fitzgerald was conceived as a genetic match for her sister Kate, who is suffering from a rare form of leukemia. Anna, over the years has been able to save her sister. This time Anna doesn't want to undergo the surgery and hires a lawyer to help seek medical emancipation from her parents. Join us in discussion of *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

QUILTING BEE

Feb. 2, Fri. from Noon to 5pm Quilters of all skills levels are I invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 9, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 463*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.h*

BEYOND STEEL: REGION ECONOMICS

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm For decades, the steel industry has been the driving force behind growth in Northwest Indiana. The most important economic question facing Northwest Indiana today continues to be, "What lies beyond steel as an engine of growth for the region?" Speaker Don Coffin will look at the more recent sources of growth to determine whether they are capable of providing the region with a dynamic, high-income economy, or whether we need to try to develop other industries. Refreshments will be served.

CREATING COMMUNITY CHANGE

Feb. 13, 20, 27, Tues. at 6pm Join your fellow community members in this continuation of meaningful dialogue on race and diversity. Co-sponsored with the Purdue University Race Relations Council of NWI, trained facilitators will lead participants through a series of interactive discussions to help them learn new ways to confront racism and address race issues in our communities. Please register by calling the Race Relations Council at 880-0043 or by email racerelationscouncil@earthlink.net.

EXPLORE LONDON AND THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE

Feb. 15, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Visit London, and the areas of Hampton Court, Oxford, Woodstock, Stonehenge, Winchester, and Chatsworth. Refreshments will be served.

FAMILY FILM SERIES

Feb. 17, Sat. at 2pm *Meet Me in St. Louis* is considered one of the finest American musicals. Starring Judy Garland, this intentionally self-contained, end-of-an-era story depicts a happy St. Louis family shaken to its roots by the prospect of moving to New York, where the father has a better job pending.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Feb. 21, Wed. at 7pm Barbara DeBolt of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Dialogues of the Carmelites* by Francis Poulenc. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera accompanied by musical highlights.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 22, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screenings.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Feb. 22, Thurs. at 1:30pm Louise Shaffer's novel, *The Three Miss Margarets*, revolves around three women named Margaret – Miss Peggy, Dr. Maggie, and Miss Lil' Bit – all icons of Charles Valley, Georgia. They are bound together by a 30 year old secret and their clandestine, illegal efforts to right a terrible wrong.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Feb. 22, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire* by Edward Gibbon, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.

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ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Feb. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Feb. 14, Wed. at 7pm Rudy Maxa shows virtual tourists the beaches and romantic locations along the French Riviera from Nice to St. Tropez in a one-hour travel video. Refreshments will be provided.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Feb. 21 or 22, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Nothing much happens in White Falls, MN, so when Dick Lindstrom opens a BYOB nightclub in his basement, it becomes a welcome refuge for the town's quirky residents. Readers are invited to discuss *Your Oasis on Flame Lake* by Lorna Landvik.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

SIT & KNIT

Wed., Feb. 7 & 21 from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Feb. 13, Tues. at 1:30pm Biography lovers are invited to watch an A&E video biography of troubled vixen Marilyn Monroe. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Feb. 20, Tues. at 10:15am The grand daddy of the "nonfiction novel," *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote describes the victims, their murderers, and the tragic consequences of one November in 1959 in Holcolm, Kansas. The book is available for checkout at the circulation desk. Please register.

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Gifts and Tributes @ your library

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift from September through December.

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Lake County Public Library Foundation

2007 Read-a-Thon

continues through
February 16, 2007

Help support *your school* and the *Lake County Public Library Foundation* with this annual event to encourage children to read.

Contact your school or local library for more information.

Pre-school Story Hour will be presented at all branches of the Lake County Public Library from early February until mid-March. The sessions are for children ages 3 to 5, who can sit and listen to stories without a caregiver sitting with them. Other activities will be rhymes, action songs, and simple crafts. Call the nearest branch for days and times. Patrons select a day and time and attend at that time for six weeks. Registration is a must, and all children attending must have the use of a valid Lake County Public Library card.

Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programing
FEBRUARY 2007

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 4pm From jazz and blues to classical and pop, children will dance, sing, and listen to music composed, arranged, and performed by African Americans, as well as hear stories about different types of music and different forms of musical expression. This Black History Month program is for school age children, Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration required at ext. 360.

IT'S THE YEAR OF THE PIG!

Feb. 22, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will celebrate Chinese New Year with stories, music, games and a craft. Register by calling ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PEANUT BUTTER FUN

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, will learn how to make a No-Cook Fudge in this program. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 13 through Mar. 20, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and games during this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 12 through Mar. 20, Mondays at 6pm or Tuesdays at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this 6 week story hour full of fun stories, games and a craft. Please register.

BE MINE!

Feb. 14, Wed. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, will have some Valentine fun with stories, games, and treats. Please register.

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Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26, Mon. at 10:30am Join in on this 4 week program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movements. This is an interactive nursery rhyme lap-sit set of sessions for 6 to 35 month olds with a caregiver. Registration required.

BUBBLE GUM MACHINE

Feb. 6, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will make a model of a bubble gum machine that can be filled with gum balls, jaw breakers, or M&M candies. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Feb. 7 through March 9, Wed. at 1pm or Fri. at 10:30am Children, ages 3 to 5, will have a program of stories, finger plays, music, and games. Each weekly session will run approximately 45 minutes. Register for the session that best fits your schedule on either Wednesday afternoons or Friday mornings.

NARNIA ADVENTURE CONTINUES

Feb. 10, Sat. at 10:30am Pre-teens, 11 years of age and older, will take a look at C. S. Lewis' third book, *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. Breakfast treats will accompany the lively discussion. Please register.

SHH! LISTEN

Feb. 13, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 years of age, will learn a new craft – silhouette making. This was popular in the French Courts as Ben Franklin learned in this chapter of *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson. Please register.

PANCAKE DAY

Feb. 20, Tues. at 3:30pm In celebration of France's Pancake Day, 6 to 10 year old participants will mix-up some pancakes, toss some pancakes, and take a surprise home for the whole family. Please register.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Feb. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm Picture books and film will be used to explore love. This program is open to every member of the family with a special showing of the video *A Special Valentine with the Family Circus*.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

CHESS

Feb. 1 & 15, Thurs. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants (12 and older) will earn volunteer time.

TODDLER TIME

Feb. 8 & 22, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, rhymes and more.

CARDS & YUMMY TREATS

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 4pm Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will play card games, including Go Fish, Old Maid, and Uno. Goodies will be served.

UNVALENTINE'S DAY

Feb. 13, Tues. at 4pm Teens, 11 and older, will celebrate with less romantic games such as X-Box, Fear Factor, and Name That Tune. They will also be able to enjoy film clips, munch on food, and so much more!

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 20 through Mar. 27, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this 6 week program filled with stories, music, crafts and other related fun activities. Registration required.

THESE STORIES ARE STUPID!

Feb. 22, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 6th grade, will enjoy silly mixed-up stories including *Make Way for Dumb Bunnies* by Sue Denim, *The Stupids Step Out* by Harry Allard, and selections from *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. Everyone will make a "Stinky Cheese Man" to take home.

FEATHERED FRIENDS FAMILY FUN

Feb. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will hear and participate with stories and other activities about birds. They will also make bird feeders, special bird food, and paint with feathers.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Feb. 6, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 6 to 35 months, and their caregivers, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Registration required.

SWEET TREATS

Feb. 6, Tues. from 3:30pm to 5pm School age children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, will make sweet treats to take home to eat or to give away on Valentine's Day. Registration no later than Friday, February 2nd.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 5:30pm Highland Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants (6th grade and up) will earn volunteer time.

TODDLER'S VALENTINE

Feb. 12, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will enjoy stories, active songs and related activities during this ½ hour, lap-sit story time. Registration required.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY PRE-SCHOOLERS!

Feb. 13 or 14, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and other Valentine's Day activities. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 13 through Mar. 21, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy 6 weeks of stories, songs, crafts, related activities, and fun during Highland Library's Pre-school Story Hour. Themes include: Valentine's Day, Toothy Tales, Ah-Choo!, Babies, Big Wheelers and Stinky Clothes. Register just once for the entire 6 week program.

TOOTHY TALES

Feb. 20 or 21, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will give a toothy grin while enjoying stories and other tooth related activities as part of the Pre-school Story Hour series.

TODDLERS: I'M A BIG BOY/GIRL NOW!

Feb. 26, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers will celebrate their growing size and independence with stories, active songs, and related activities. Registration required.

AH-CHOO!

Feb. 27 or 28, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, 3 to 5 years old, will enjoy humorous stories, songs, and activities about feeling under the weather and getting well, as part of the Pre-School Story Hour series.

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HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

VALENTINES PROGRAM

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear Valentine stories and make Valentines. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Please register.

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY TIME

Feb. 13 through Mar. 21, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear a variety of spring stories and participate in finger plays, songs, and a craft. Registration required for either the afternoon or evening session.

TODDLER STORY TIME

Feb. 22, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 24 to 35 months, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, participate in finger plays, and songs and make a craft. Registration required.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

Feb. 7, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will enjoy an after school movie and craft. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Feb. 14, 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, Wed. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can participate in this story hour, which will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Register just once for all 6 sessions at either the afternoon or evening story hour.

TIP TOP TWO'S

Feb. 16, Fri. at 10:30am Enjoy a lap-sit story time for 18 to 35 month children accompanied by an adult caregiver. All will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Registration required.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

FAMILY STORY TIME

Feb. 8, Thurs. at 6pm Children of all ages can participate in this family story time, which will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 1, Thurs. at 4:30pm The monthly Y.A. meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher, will focus on planning upcoming events and signing up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Feb. 2 & 16, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this **off-site** story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Friday of the month at St. Paul Episcopal Church and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Feb. 5 & 19, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, with a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. The themes for this month are "valentines" and "art." Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Feb. 7 & 21, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, with a caregiver, are invited to join our Mother Goose sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

WARM & TOASTY

Feb. 10, Sat. at 3pm Children currently in 5th grade or older are invited to make fleece blankets, while enjoying cookies and hot chocolate. Registration is not required, but participants must bring their own materials. Two different pieces of fleece of the same size are needed. Material should be as large as the desired blanket size.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Feb. 13, 20, & 27, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story time. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. February's themes are "Valentines," "Chinese New Year," and "art."

ST. VALENTINE

Feb. 14, Wed. at 4pm Ever wonder how Valentine's Day got started? School age children, Kindergarten and older, can join us as we explore this candy filled holiday and make a sweet craft.

AMELIA BEDELIA

Feb. 28, Wed. at 4pm Everyone gets mixed-up from time to time! Join us as we examine one of our most favorite mixed-up characters and see if you can stay on your toes. School age children, Kindergarten and older, will enjoy crazy games and a mixed-up craft.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Feb. 6 through Mar. 13, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am This is a 6 week story hour for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, presented on Tuesdays at 1:30pm and repeated at 6:30pm and on Wednesday at 10:30am. Each session will consist of books, finger plays, songs, crafts, games and films. Registration is required.

CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Feb. 10, Sat. at 2pm Children in 5th grade and older will watch this classic film: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which is rated PG and runs 115 minutes. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

STAMP IT!

Feb. 17, Sat. from 10am to Noon School age children, ages 8 and older, will complete 3 projects. There is a $3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials, which is due at the time of class. Please register.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Feb. 21, Wed. at 2pm School age children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, will hear Chinese stories, choose from an assortment of crafts, including dragons and firecrackers. A treasure hunt game will be played and treats will be shared. Please register.

CHESS CLUB

Feb. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children, from beginners to advanced, are invited to bring a friend and meet with this group to learn or improve chess skills and share strategies. Plan to meet the 4th Monday of every month!

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St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

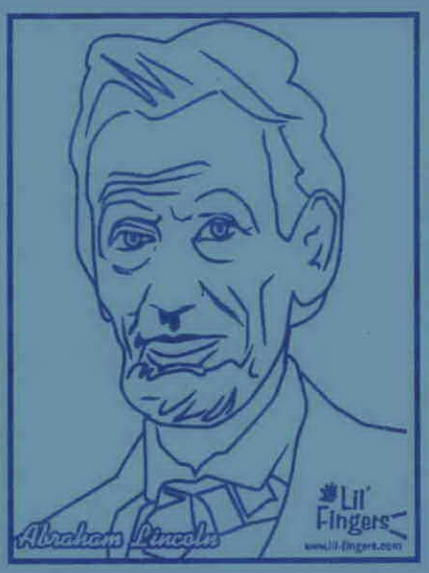
PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Feb. 6 through Mar. 14, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a six week session filled with stories, songs, games, crafts, and films. Children may attend the morning session on Tuesdays or the afternoon session on Wednesdays. Registration required.

STAMP CAMP FOR KIDS

Feb. 24, Sat. at 1pm Children, ages 8 and older, will join Stampin'Up! Consultant Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan as she demonstrates 3 projects for the upcoming season. There is a $3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials, payable at the time of the program. Registration is required.

YOUR FUN PAGE: To color



Valentine Word Search Fun

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CANDY HEART
CUPID KISS
FRIEND SWEET

What are some other words that relate to Valentine's Day?

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To solve

Valentine Mix Up

Unscramble the Valentine words to fill in the blanks and form the holiday phrase below. Fill in spaces by matching up the numbers in the unscrambled words to the spaces in the holiday phrase.

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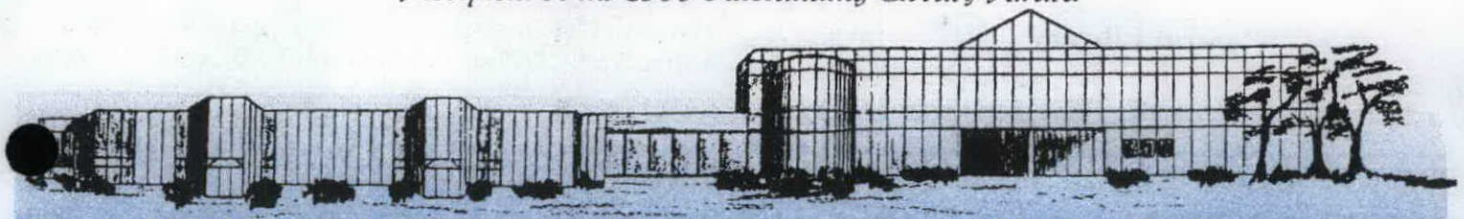

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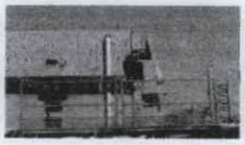
Seeing Changes in 2007

What can happen at the library in a year's time? More than you can imagine.....

First and foremost, the communities of Lake Station and New Chicago are about to receive a new branch library. If you have not driven through Lake Station recently, you should take a trip over to Fairview Avenue and Central Avenue to see the construction of our newest branch. Or better yet, surf over to http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm and view pictures of the construction process online. You will be amazed. With the walls covered in brick and stone and structural ceiling beams already being welded, the new library building is really taking shape. If luck prevails, we will be enjoying the luxurious new branch before 2007 comes to a close!



Did you know the New Chicago Branch opened in October 1967 and the Lake Station Branch in February 1962? Currently, the New Chicago Library is only 3,500 square feet and Lake Station just a bit larger at 4,224 square feet, but our new branch will be more than double the size at 16,100 square feet. What a difference!

With so much additional space, the new Lake Station and New Chicago branch will be able to offer even more to the community. The new branch will have up to date meeting room facilities, a children's programming room, small study rooms, an outdoor patio for library programming, and additional internet and word processing computers. We will also have more comfortable seating and added tables for studying. But most of all, this new location will provide our community with the additional space to expand our collections: fiction, Hollywood DVDs, magazines, juvenile materials and much more.

Drive a few miles south into the city of Hobart and you will find the Hobart Branch Library. Having been built in December of 1968, this branch was also in need of some major changes. For starters, we have relocated the adult nonfiction and fiction materials and to accommodate our voracious readers, we have added additional shelving to allow room for more superb books. Other changes include: a beautiful new Circulation desk, a redecorated juvenile programming room, new furniture, new carpet, and the main desk was brought into the 21st century with granite counters, new computers, book shelves and storage. The Hobart Branch Library's biggest project was to the lower level meeting rooms. With much hard work, we now have a large and small meeting room for our community to utilize.

So bring the family in to one of the Hobart Township libraries and see for yourself all of the many transformations! Why not stop by for a free adventure by checking out materials, participating in children's story time, attending our "Family Spanish Hour" (at Hobart on March 10), or learning quilting techniques at Lake Station. With so much to offer, it would be silly not to take advantage of these free offers! Are you using your library?

Carol Daumer Gutjahr
Hobart Township Manager

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Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

BOOKreMARKS

March is the perfect time to read and discuss the murder mystery: *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer-Flemming. This debut novel and winner of six literary awards is the first of what has become a five book series to date. Clare, a former army helicopter pilot turned Episcopalian priest, inserts herself into the local sheriff's murder investigation and into his life. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions, visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 7, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

KNITTING CLASS

Mar. 7, Wed. at 2pm Have you been wanting to learn how to knit? Here is a class for beginning, as well as experienced, knitters. Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for novice through skilled knitting projects. Need help with a particularly difficult pattern? Feel free to bring it with you. Participants should bring a skein of yarn and size 10 to 12 knitting needles. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 7, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Register beginning Jan. 15th at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Mar. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Lost German Slave Girl: The Extraordinary Story of Sally Miller and Her Fight for Freedom in Old New Orleans* by John Bailey. Was Sally Miller an illegally enslaved European orphan, or was she an imposter? This is the story of her sensational nineteenth century trial.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Mar. 9, Fri. at 9:30am The FBI will be presenting this program to help everyone prevent Identity Theft. The program is co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

GREAT DECISIONS: CLIMATE CHANGE & GLOBAL WARMING

Mar. 13 & 27, Tues. at 6:15pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's discussion is centered on Climate Change and Global Warming. There is a one-time $5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos of this monthly program. For further information and to register, call ext. 339.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 14, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Register beginning Jan. 15th at ext. 346.

GARDENING SERIES

Mar. 20, Tues. at 7pm The 2007 Gardening Series will kick-off with the renowned gardener Zahida Zaleem. This first session's outstanding event will provide discussion on "Healing Gardens." Please register at ext. 317.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Mar. 21, Wed. from 10am to 11:30am Join in on this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly presentation should be attended prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Co-sponsored with Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana, registration will be taken at the toll free number of 888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES FOR DEMENTIA

Mar. 21, Wed. from Noon to 1:30pm This free monthly informational and interactive session will focus on advanced topics with regard to caring for individuals with progressive dementia. Topics will include such things as handling behavior/communication changes, assisting with activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, etc.), planning of activities, and addressing difficult transitions (i.e., loss of driving privileges). The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class, which is co-sponsored with Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana. Call toll free 888-303-0180 to register.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Mar. 21, Wed. at 2pm or 6m Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence either in the library or from your home or office. Register beginning Jan. 15 at ext. 346.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Mar. 28, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Register beginning Jan. 15th at ext. 346.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library

readers@lakeco.in.us

Let's Travel to:

Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs

Ask a Librarian

Q: Does the Lake County Public Library have a Lions Club drop box where patrons can donate eye glasses?

A: The Central library in Merrillville has a Lions Club drop box right inside the door of the Booksale Room. The Booksale Room is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Griffith, Highland, Hobart, Lake Station and St. John branches also collect eye glasses for the Lions Club.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 12, Mon. at 12:30pm Private investigator Rachel Alexander and her pit bull, Dashiell, begin their search for a missing dog and refuse to leave the streets until they have sniffed out a murderer. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *This Dog For Hire* by Carol Lea Benjamin. The book will be available for check out beginning February 12th at the circulation desk.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm *Inside the Kingdom* by Carmen Bin Laden is a tragic love story. Carmen fell in love with Osama's older brother and they married. Upon moving to Saudi Arabia, Carmen's fairy tale turned sinister. Come join us for refreshments and a lively discussion.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

STAMP CAMP

Mar. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm Are you ready for the sunny, sparkling and sensational days of spring? Join Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan from Stampin'Up who will help you get ready with some new ideas. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials supplied. Please register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 21, Wed. at 7pm As six Californians form a book club, their lives are turned upside down by troubled marriages, illicit affairs, changing relationships, and love. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler.

DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Mar. 22 & 23, Thurs. & Fri. from 10:30am to 2:30pm June P. Laws will teach the AARP Driver Safety Program, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver. Graduates of the program may be eligible to receive insurance premium discounts. There is a non-refundable registration fee of $10 (check or money order) due at the time of registration.

GRIFFITH GAB

Mar. 26, Mon. at 1pm Author Bill Bryson takes us on a journey to Australia, where A-bombs go off unnoticed, prime ministers disappear into the surf, and cheery citizens coexist with the world's deadliest creatures: toxic caterpillars, aggressive seashells, crocodiles, sharks, snakes, and the deadliest of them all, the dreaded box jellyfish. And that's just the beginning. Bryson treks through sun baked deserts and up endless coastlines, crisscrossing the "under-discovered" Down Under in search of all things interesting. Join us for a discussion of *In A Sunburned Country* – a humorous travel tale. Books will be available at the circulation desk.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

Mar. 2 through 30, on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1pm to 5pm Tax counselors will assist with individual income tax preparation by appointment only. Last year's tax return, property tax bills, and all federal and state booklets received in the mail must be brought to this appointment. Counselors will not prepare business or farm taxes. Call the library to schedule an appointment.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Mar. 3, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Tiger in Bamboo" on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a $14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, which is due at the time of class. Registration required.

SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

SCRAP BOOKING

Mar. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2 page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrapbook consultant, Cynthia Kramer. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Refreshments will be served.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Mar. 13, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will paint "Hummingbird

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and Flower" on a wooden book. A fee of $14 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Registration required.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Mar. 13, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will travel through the snow-covered Andes and the lush jungles of the Amazon in search of the treasures of Peru. They will explore the 3,500 year old temple at Chavin, fly over the mysterious drawings on the plains of Nazca, visit the mystical city of Machu Picchu, and learn the story of the Incas. Refreshments will be served.

BOOKS & CHAT

Mar. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss the startling best seller, *Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt. Economist Levitt focuses on real-life issues demonstrating hidden incentives behind all sorts of behavior, noting how self-styled experts have a vested interest in promoting a certain point of view even when that perspective might be wrong.

SPRING BREAK: MOVIE TIME

Mar. 23, Fri. at 3:30pm Teens will relax with a great movie and lots of food to munch.

LAUGH IT UP @ YOUR LIBRARY

Mar. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate National Humor Month with hilarious stories, games, music, food and more. All ages are invited, though children 5 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Mar. 27, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a scenic tour of Washington via the big screen. They will explore the Evergreen State of Washington from Seattle and Puget Sound cities to Spokane and the Inland Northwest wine country. They will also visit three National Parks along the way. Refreshments will be served.

MOVIE BREAK

Mar. 29, Thurs. at 2pm Here is something to do on Spring Break! All ages will enjoy popcorn while watching a movie on the big screen. Call for movie details. Children younger than 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

RAISING KIDS NATURALLY

Mar. 1, Thurs. at 10:30am Trish Hammond, a local chiropractor, will discuss procedures that parents can carry out to strengthen their children's immune systems. Please register.

HISTORY VIDEO

Mar 5, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we watch this portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt, the original activist first lady who formed her own staff, held press conferences and defined a female agenda beyond homemaker! Refreshments will be served. Please register.

MORNING HOUR

Mar. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Seniors, are you puzzled by the current health insurance maze? If so, SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) volunteers will assist you with Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, pharmacy assistance programs and other issues related to health insurance benefits in this program co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Please register for this free informational session by calling 972-7317. Morning refreshments will be served.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS IN WASHINGTON, DC

Mar. 12, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will show slides of his recent trip to Washington, DC during Cherry Blossom season. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 13, Tues. at 2pm Pi, an Indian boy, is shipwrecked and forced to spend 227 days in a lifeboat, floating through shark-infested waters, fighting hunger, the elements, and an over active imagination, with a white Bengal tiger on board. In rich, hallucinatory passages, he recounts the journey as days blur together, while

Staff Recommends

Riding in the Shadows of Saints: A Woman's Story of Motorcycling the Mormon Trail by Jana Richman
"Richman follows the trail of her Mormon ancestors from their roots in Illinois to Salt Lake Valley, eschewing safer, easier modes of travel by motorcycling alone. Throughout her trip she reflects on the courage of the family women who walked the trail, increasing her understanding of the virtue of faith. She also gains greater respect for her mother's perseverance in her marriage and in her church membership, despite the misogyny she encounters in both."
SA/Systems

Push Not the River by James Conroyd Martin
"Based on the actual diary of Anna Maria Berezowska written 200 years ago during a tumultuous time in Poland." The gifted author is a native of Chicago and is working on a sequel!"
DL/Reference

James A. Garfield by Ira Rutkow
"Most people know that James Garfield was assassinated. Fewer know that he lingered on for over 2 months, suffering in the hands of incompetent physicians. In fact, his assassin argued at his trial that 'The doctors killed Garfield, I just shot him.' This biography, part of the American Presidents Series, is a short, fascinating look at Garfield's life. Rutkow, a physician himself, divides the book into two parts, the first dealing with Garfield's life and political career, the second dealing with the medical practices and theories of the late 1800s. "Interesting and wise choice to have a doctor author this biography. One of the better books in the series."
RB/Reference

he uses all his knowledge, wits and faith to survive. Copies of *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel will be available for checkout at the Highland circulation desk. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 14, from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

STAMP CAMP

Mar. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin' Up's Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials supplied to all participants. Registration required.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 15, Thurs. at 2pm During the Depression, four young friends gather together and make a pact to write down their dreams and place them in a blue bottle. It was 65 years later when a local newspaper reporter stumbles upon the bottle and goes in search of the women to learn if they found their dreams. Penelope Stokes' *The Blue Bottle Club* is a narration of each woman's journey through time, describing the innocence and hardships of their lives. Please register.

GARDENING SERIES: CURB APPEAL

Mar. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm Anna Barnes, Master Gardener, will discuss gardening and landscape changes you can make to improve the curb appeal of your home. This "dos and don'ts" presentation is co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Please register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Mar. 19, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we take to the streets of New Orleans, visit Natchitoches, tour the Mcilhenny Tabasco factory on Avery Island and learn about the history, culture, music, and culinary traditions of Louisiana. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 22, Thurs. at 7pm When a woman covered in black fly bites stumbles into a tavern with a bullet in her brain and no memory, homicide detectives John Cardinal and Lisa Delorme know someone left her for dead. Their investigation quickly takes them from the mundane to the grisly. *Black Fly Season* by Giles Blunt is a disturbing, yet truly memorable tale about a Canadian cult's murder spree. Please register.

CLASSIC ON THE BIG SCREEN

Mar. 26, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Charming rogue pirate, Jack Sparrow is enjoying a life of adventure on the sea until his nemesis, Captain Barbossa steals his ship. When Elizabeth Swann, the governor's daughter is captured by Barbossa, Jack and Elizabeth's childhood friend, Will Turner join in to save her and get Jack's ship back in *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.* Refreshments will be served. Please register.

GARDENING SERIES: LAWN CARE

Mar. 29, Thurs. at 6:30pm Jim Colias, Master Gardener, will discuss seeding vs. sodding, lawn maintenance, fertilization and crab grass control in a presentation co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Please register

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

FAMILY SPANISH CLASS

Mar. 10, Sat. at 1pm Come join us and learn some new phrases. Sarah Fields will host a Spanish class for the whole family – toddlers through adults. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please register.

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Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

THE KENNEDY FAMILY

It is said that everyone is Irish on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, and so during March we will highlight the Irish and their experience in America. One of the most famous exemplars of Irish-American success in the New World is the Kennedy family. Founded by Joseph P. Kennedy and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, whose ancestors arrived in the United States from famine-stricken Ireland in the 1840's, the family made increasingly important contributions in the fields of business, finance, and politics, culminating in the election of their second son, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, as President of the United States in 1960. Though its history has been marred by many tragedies, including the assassination of both John and his brother, Robert F. Kennedy, its overriding interest in service to the nation, philanthropic as well as political, has continued. The Kennedy family saga is a fascinating one and serves to highlight the story of the Irish in America.

A display of books and other materials on the life and times of the Kennedys will be found on the Upper Level through March.

The Kennedys: Dynasty and Disaster 1848-1983 by John H. Davis (B KEN DAVI)

The Kennedys: America's Emerald Kings by Thomas Maier (B KEN MAIE)

The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys by Doris Kearns Goodwin (920.0092916 GOOD)

The Kennedy Women: Saga of an American Family by Laurence Leamer (973.9220922 LEAM)

1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History by Edward T. O'Donnell (973.049162 ODON)

The Irish-American Heritage by David M. Brownstone (973.049162 BROW)

The Irish in America ed. by Michael Coffey (973.049162 IRIS)

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 15, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

BOOK CHAT

Mar. 20, Tues. at 2pm Narnia is a land frozen in eternal winter and a country waiting to be set free. Enter four adventurers who step through a wardrobe door and into this land called Narnia, which is enslaved by the power of the White Witch. Yet when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion signals a great change, and a great sacrifice. There is more than meets the eye as story elements have obvious duel meanings – a second layer below the surface in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe and The Magician's Nephew* by C. S. Lewis. Books will be available at the circulation desk for check-out.

IDENTITY THEFT

Mar. 22, Thurs. at 1pm Participants will learn the seven habits worth practicing in order to prevent identity theft and what must be done if your identity is stolen. Corrine Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Extension Educator from Purdue University will present this program. Please register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

QUILTING BEE

Mar. 2 & 16, Fri. from Noon to 5pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 9, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

REFLECTIONS ON MUNSTER HISTORY

Mar. 8, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Lance Trusty, author of the recently published book *Munster, Indiana: A Centennial History*, will discuss interesting aspects of Munster's history, including the effects of four individuals: Aaron Hart, C. P. Schoon, Randall Burns, and Donald Powers. Ken Schoon, who provided the book's illustrations, will present a slide show of photos that didn't make it into the book. Registration required.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN 101

Mar. 14, Wed. at 7pm Jana Lacera, Master Gardener, will discuss where to start landscaping your home, and what to research as you plan your landscape.

EXPLORE CHINA

Mar. 15, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Cruise down the Yangtze River through the magnificent Three Gorges, and visit bustling Shanghai. Explore Beijing, The Great Wall, Yangshuo and much more.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 20, Tues. at 1:30pm Those new to computers will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse correctly and efficiently. Class size is limited, so be sure to register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 22, Thurs. from 10am till Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screenings.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Mar. 22, Thurs. at 1:30pm *In A Cup of Tea* by Amy Ephron, wealthy society lady Rosemary Fell is engaged to marry Philip Alsop. On a rainy afternoon after shopping, Rosemary spots Eleanor, an apparently homeless woman, huddled in the cold. Thinking she is being charitable, Rosemary invites Eleanor home for a cup of tea. When Philip comes and meets Eleanor, Rosemary notices a spark of interest in his eye and promptly sends her on her way. It is too late – Philip's romantic feelings have been kindled!

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG 101

Mar. 26, Mon. at 1:30pm This is an introductory class to educate library users on how to search and understand the library catalog. Topics will include various searching options, accessing your library account and more. Class size is limited, be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 27, Tues. at 1:30pm Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the World Wide Web. Class size is limited, so be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 28, Wed. at 1:30pm Those new to computers will learn how to hold, move, and click a mouse correctly and efficiently. Class size is limited, so be sure to register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Mar. 29, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Job-The Bible*, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

NOT AT A THEATRE NEAR YOU INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Mar. 5, Mon. at 1pm Our monthly series of award-winning, independent films begins with a Canadian film featuring Sandra Oh (Grey's Anatomy). See what a difference one day makes in a small town plagued by secrets. View *Wilby Wonderful* and join in a short discussion. This film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only; runtime of 99 minutes; refreshments served.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Mar. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

STAMP CAMP

Mar. 20, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up. Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class. Registration required.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Mar. 21, Wed. at 7pm Explore the castles, canal ways, and beautiful country sides of Ireland by viewing The Emerald Isle, a one hour travel video. Refreshments will be provided.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Mar. 28 or 29, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Khaled Hosseini's debut novel, *The Kite Runner*, provides an eye-opening account of a country's political turmoil describing an unlikely friendship between a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son. An unspeakable event changes the nature of their relationship at a time when Afghanistan has been thrust into the forefront of America's collective consciousness. Readers are invited to discuss heartbreaking struggles and emotional triumphs in this bestselling, provocative novel.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: CATALOG CARE
MAKING FRIENDS WITH THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Mar. 1, Thurs. at 1:30pm Participants receive an introduction to searching techniques and learn how to use their patron accounts and create lists of titles for personal use. You must bring your library card to this class and know or request your PIN. Registration is required.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Mar. 13, Tues. at 1:30pm Karl Malden takes his Midwest working class background to Hollywood in this A & E video biography. Refreshments served. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 14, Wed. at 1:30pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Registration begins Feb. 26; attendance is limited.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Mar. 22, Thurs. at 1:30pm Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows. Rudimentary use of Microsoft Word will be discussed as time permits. Basic knowledge of the mouse is necessary. Attendance is limited and registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 28, Wed. at 1:30pm Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Basic knowledge of the mouse is necessary. Registration is required.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Mar. 20, Tues. at 10:15am Known for his series of short mysteries, Cornell Woolrich's *Rear Window* became a very popular feature film. Written as a narrative, the reader finds Hal Jeffries confined to his apartment with a broken leg. He spends his days looking out the window observing the daily lives of his neighbors. Across the courtyard he discovers that one of them is a cold-blooded murderer and that he is the next victim. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Please register.

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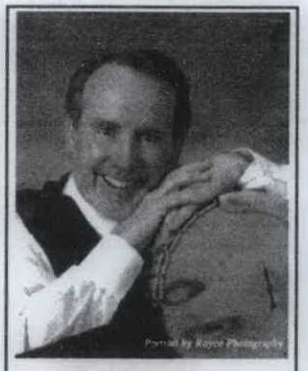
"Events Through Lake Shore Public Television"

Lakeshore Public Television

Chicagoland area families will be treated to entertainment, hands-on activities and attractions at The 5th Annual Chicagoland Kids Expo.

It will take place on March 10 and 11 at the Renaissance Convention Center in Schaumburg, Illinois.
See over 150 exhibits of kid-related products and services such as toys, educational materials, summer camps, financial planning, and healthcare.

Coming in April.....


Dan LeMonnier

Meet Dan LeMonnier, a charming banjo musician whose storytelling entertains everyone! Dan has performed for the Smithsonian Institute, the 53rd Presidential Inauguration, and hundreds of schools and libraries across the Midwest. He will begin 'Spinin' Yarns' at the Dyer-Schererville Branch on Saturday morning, April 28th.

Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programing
MARCH 2007

Pre-school Story Hour continues at all branches of the Lake County Public Library until mid-March. The six week sit and listen sessions are for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregiver. Other activities include rhymes, action songs, and simple crafts. Patrons, call the nearest branch for days and times of the session you would like to attend. Registration and valid LCPL library card are a must for attendees.

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sessions for the continuing series of pre-school story hours for children ages 3 to 5 include rhymes, action songs, and simple crafts. Call ext. 360 for dates and times and to register.

A MAD HATTER TEA

Mar. 8, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will have a very merry Un-Birthday tea party, play games, make crafts and read from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Please register at ext. 360.

JUST GOOFING OFF

Mar. 22, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will celebrate International Goof Off Day with silly games, stories, and a craft. Register by calling ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 6, 13, 20, Tues. at 1pm The remaining 3 sessions of pre-school age story hour continues with children, ages 3 to 5, enjoying a different theme each week. Please register.

ROCK ART

Mar. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will take a simple rock, add a bit of crayon, and create a work of art! Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, Mondays at 6pm or Tuesdays at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the remaining 3 weeks of story hour, full of fun stories, games and a craft. Please register.

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Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

LION OR LAMB

Mar.6, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will make a lion and lamb necklace and watch the weather to see if the old saying "If March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb" is true. Please register.

GENRE TRAVEL PROGRAM FOR TEENS

Mar. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm A special showing of the film *The Day the Earth Stood Still* will be showing on the big screen for teens, 11 to 15 years of age.

SHH LISTEN!

Mar. 13, Tues. at 3:30pm After listening to the next two chapters in *Ben and Me*, school age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will make a model cannon. Please register.

IRISH MAGIC

Mar. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm Families are invited to bring a favorite snack and enjoy the film *Darby O'Gill and the Little People.*

LEPRECHAUN GREEN

Mar. 20, Tues. at 3:30pm Is it magic or science? School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will learn how to grow green crystals. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

CHESS

Mar. 1 & 15, Thurs. at 4:30pm Kids in grade 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners & experienced players are welcome.

SNACK & PLAN

Mar 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the last 4 sessions of this program filled with stories, music, crafts, and other related fun activities. Please register.

CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS

Mar. 8, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 6th grade, will celebrate Dr. Seuss by making a *Cat in the Hat* hat, *Green Eggs & Ham* tick-tac-toe game and vote for their favorite Dr. Seuss book. Children will also enjoy *One Fish, Two Fish* crackers and Pink Ink. Yum!

CRAFT CORNER

Mar. 22, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 6th grade, will celebrate National Craft Month by creating a unique picture frame to display artwork or photos. A variety of craft materials will be available including sequins, feathers, foam shapes, stickers and more.

SPRING BREAK: MOVIE TIME

Mar. 23, Fri. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will relax with a great movie and lots of munchies.

LAUGH IT UP @ YOUR LIBRARY

Mar. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate National Humor Month with hilarious stories, games, music, food and more. Program open to all ages, though children 5 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult.

MOVIE BREAK

Mar. 29, Thurs. at 2pm Here is something to do on Spring Break. All ages will enjoy popcorn while watching a movie on the big screen. Call for movie details. Children younger than 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at either 10:30am or 1pm This story hour is directed toward children 3 to 5 years of age and continues with stories, songs, crafts, related activities, and excitement. Themes include Babies, Big Wheelers, and Stinky Clothes. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL: BABIES

Mar. 6/7, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, this story hour is filled with books about babies who get into all kinds of mischief. Please register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Mar. 8, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B., and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants, who must be 7th grade and older, will earn volunteer time. Register.

TODDLERS: COLORS

Mar. 12, Mon. at 10:30am A rainbow of colors will be featured during this story time for 2 year olds, accompanied by their caregiver. Registration required.

PRE-SCHOOL: BIG WHEELERS

Mar. 13/14, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about trucks and other vehicles with big wheels and other related activities. Please register.

LEAPIN' LEPRECHAUNS

Mar. 13, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten through 4th grade, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a craft, games, and refreshments. Register no later than March 10th.

PRE-SCHOOL: STINKY CLOTHES

Mar. 20/21, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about wash day and other related activities. Please register.

TODDLERS: HOP ON OVER

Mar. 26, Mon. at 10:30am Bunnies will be featured in this story time for 2 year olds, accompanied by their caregiver. Registration required.

Good Luck!

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HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

PRE SCHOOL AGE STORY TIME CONTINUES

Mar. 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear a variety of spring stories and participate in finger plays, songs, and a craft. Registration required for either morning, afternoon or evening session.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE

Mar. 9, Fri. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, can view a movie and make a craft. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO'S

Mar. 16, Fri. at 10:30am Children, ages 18-35 months, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in a lap-sit story time with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

FAMILY STORY TIME

Mar. 8, Thurs. at 6pm Everyone in the family is invited to attend a story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 1, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher will provide a chance to help plan upcoming events and sign ups for volunteering. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Mar. 2 & 16, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month at St. Paul Episcopal Church and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

TERRIFIC 2'S & 3'S

Mar. 5 & 19, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to two 30-45 minute story times. Themes are weather and spring. Each program includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

FANTASTIC 4'S & 5'S

Mar. 6, 13, 20, Tues. at 10:30am Children ages 4 and 5, are invited to story time. Each program includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities. Themes this month are weather, St. Patrick's Day, and spring.

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MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Mar. 7 & 21, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to join our Mother Goose sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

FLICKS AND FUN

Mar. 10, Sat. 2pm to 4pm Students currently in 5th grade or higher are invited to watch *Spaceballs*, Mel Brooks' spoof on *Star Wars, Star Trek*, and other space movies. Watch as Lone Star (Bill Pullman) fights to save Princess Vespa (Daphne Zuniga) from the evil Pizza the Hut. Running time is 96 minutes, and refreshments will be served.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Mar. 14, Wed. at 4pm Whether you be a wee bit Irish, or not, help us celebrate this festive day with stories, games, and a craft that might give you a little luck of your own.

MOVIE BREAK

Mar. 29, Thurs. at 1:30pm Relax at the library and enjoy a great family film. The title will be announced two weeks prior to showing. Everyone is invited, though children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Mar. 6/7, 13/14, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am The continuation of the pre-school story hour series continues through the second week in March. Each session consists of books, finger plays, songs, crafts, games and films. Please register.

HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS

Mar. 10, Sat. at 2pm Youngsters in grade 5 and older will watch *How to Eat Fried Worms*, a movie about a bully's dare to eat these slimy critters. It is rated PG and runs 98 minutes.

CHESS CLUB

Mar. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (Kindergarten and older), from beginners to advanced players, are invited to bring a friend and meet with this group to learn or improve chess skills and share strategies. The group meets on the 4th Monday of every month.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

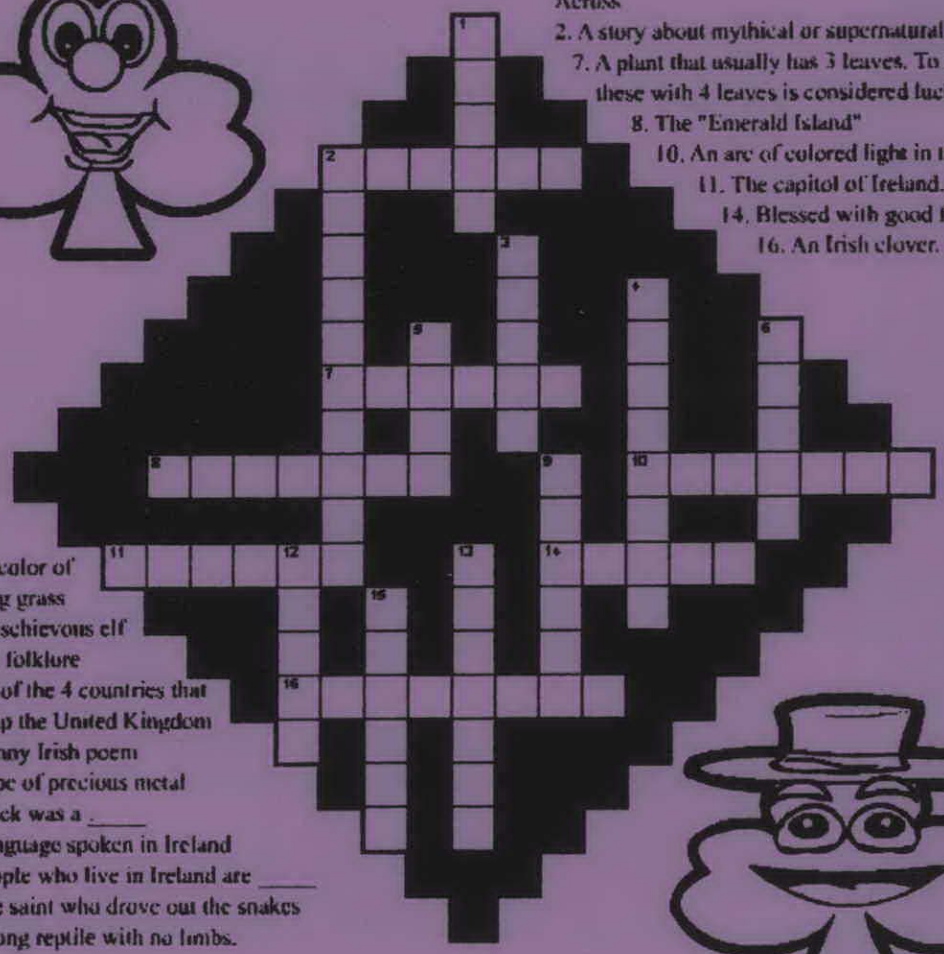
PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 6/7 and 13/14, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, and crafts during this continuation of the series. Children may attend either Tuesday or Wednesday sessions. Please register.

LET'S CONNECT

Mar. 24, Sat. at 1pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will enjoy an afternoon of free-form building with Lego blocks. Five creations will be selected and displayed in the library. Bring your own Legos. Some blocks will be provided by the library. Please register.

St. Patrick's Day!

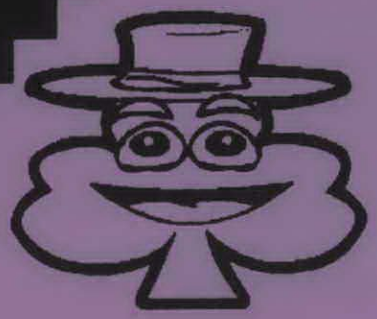


Across

2. A story about mythical or supernatural beings
7. A plant that usually has 3 leaves. To find one of these with 4 leaves is considered lucky.
8. The "Emerald Island"
10. An arc of colored light in the sky.
11. The capitol of Ireland.
14. Blessed with good fortune.
16. An Irish clover.

Down

1. The color of growing grass
2. A mischievous elf in Irish folklore
3. One of the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom
4. A funny Irish poem
5. A type of precious metal
6. Patrick was a _____
9. A language spoken in Ireland
12. People who live in Ireland are _____
13. The saint who drove out the snakes
15. A long reptile with no limbs.



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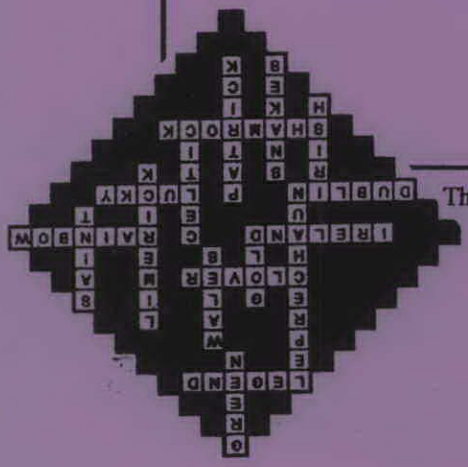

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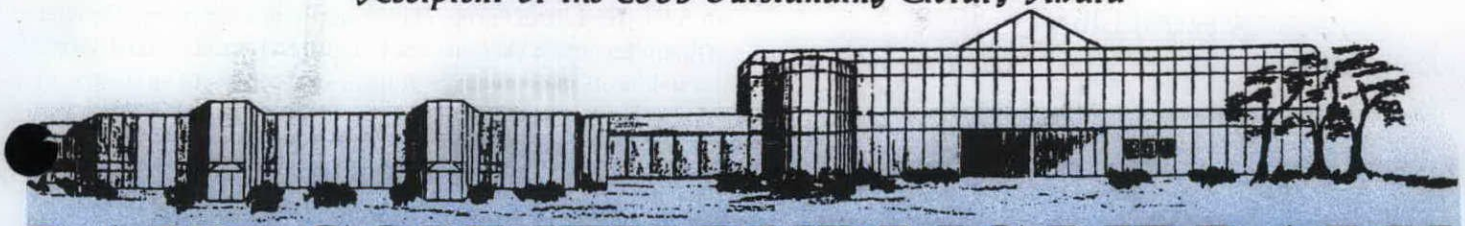

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Reading: An Incomparable Gift

Reading is an art from which we use every day, but we often forget the tedious hours that we went through to learn those letters and words. We may remember helping our children through their first few books that they read, "All by themselves!" Perhaps we told them that reading words is like joining a secret club; you can be a member of the secret club only when you can read the messages locked in the words. We spell words to other adults so children do not understand the message being communicated. We develop a desire in our children to read so that they are not left out. But as we grow older, we take for granted the thousands of mass produced books that are at our fingertips almost everywhere we go. The covers stare at us from supermarkets, bargain stores, department stores, and specialty stores. Even places like Home Depot publish their own series of "how to do it" books.

But this was not always the way of the world. In ancient Egypt, the making of paper from papyrus was a national secret and one of the Egyptian's most lucrative exports. Books were produced on scrolls. After paper was developed and the secret of Chinese paper making spread through Europe, scribes meticulously copied manuscripts letter by letter. Only churches and royalty could afford these manuscripts.

The first moveable durable metal type printing press developed by Johannes Gutenburg was used to make printed copies of the Famous Guttenberg Bible. A whopping 180 copies were believed to have been produced. It is believed that not even the very wealthy had books in their possession and a very small percent of the population could read.

We have forgotten the excitement of the special gift-READING. During this spring, maybe now is a good time to have a family read. Families can come together to enjoy story telling that books offer. By reading together, families can share books that are benefiting of the spirit and mind. The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein is a simply story of the relationship of a many from boyhood to old age and a tree. The Happy Prince by Oscar Wild tells the story of two friends, a swallow and the statue, who both give to the other less fortunate and then received an extraordinary reward in the end. The Gift of the Magi and The Last Leaf by O. Henry offers surprising twists to the age-old idea of giving from the heart.

With so many books available, you are bound to find a book that is just the right fit for you and your family. And don't forget…if you need assistance finding that right book, a librarian is always here to help.

From our library family to your family, Happy Reading!

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St. John Township Manager

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BOOKreMARKS

Pomegranate Soup: A Novel by Marsha Mehran is a unique recipe of fiction containing several foreign ingredients. Mix together an Irish hamlet, three Iranian sisters fleeing the revolution, and a kindly Italian widow. Add dashes of fear, love, courage, and humor to create *Pomegranate Soup*. To join the April discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 4, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 4, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Register beginning Mar. 15th at ext. 346.

FUN TYMERS BAND

Apr. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm Bring your friends and family for a night of enjoyable music. The Fun Tymers will be here to play songs comprised of the banjo, harmonica, and the bass. Refreshments will be served. Please register to attend by calling ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS: MEXICO-NEIGHBOR IN TURMOIL

Apr. 10 & 24, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's discussion concentrates on Mexico: Neighbor in Turmoil. For newcomers, there is a one time $5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos of this monthly program. For further information and to register, call ext. 339.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 11, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Register beginning Mar. 15th at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to discuss *The March* by E. L. Doctorow. This powerful novel portrays General William Tecumseh Sherman's notorious 1864 march through Georgia and its effect on the lives of many of those swept up by it. Call ext. 340 to register.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library

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LIBRARIANS and OTHER BOOKISH PEOPLE

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Apr. 13, Fri. at 9:30am The weather is warming and its time to enjoy the colors of spring! Gardens on the Prairie will present "Incredible Perennials," a program co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

COME TOGETHER @ YOUR LIBRARY

Apr. 15 to 21 Celebrate *National Library Week* with us. Visit the Central Library and submit your entry for a chance to win our Reader's Gift Basket. Join us for refreshments in the meeting rooms from 10am to 4pm on Saturday (April 21) where the grand prize drawing will take place at the end of the day. Contact your branch for local celebrations.

GARDENING SERIES

Apr. 17, Tues. at 7pm It's time to plan for Fall harvesting! Guy Shutt from the Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. will present a program on "Growing Gourds." Register at ext. 317.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Apr. 18, Wed. at 11:30am The Friends of the Lake County Public Library will once again host a luncheon to thank all those who have given of their time over the past year to the library. The event will take place at The Paragon Restaurant's private dining room in Schererville. Doors open at 11:00am, lunch will be served by noon. The event will include volunteer introductions, a presentation of gifts to all, and entertainment by members of the Northwest Indiana Symphonic Orchestra. Anyone who had volunteered at any of the 12 library locations in 2006 is invited and can make their reservation by calling 769-3541, ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Apr. 18, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence either in the library or from your home or office. Register beginning Mar. 15 at ext. 346.

REDECORATING WITH ACCESSORIES

Apr. 18, Wed. at 7pm It is so exhilarating to decorate our homes for the holiday, but after that.....what can we do? Decorating for each season is an exciting way to reinvent our homes with favorite and special items we may already have. Linda Sluiter, a certified Interior Redesign Industry Specialist and member of the Society of Design Professionals, will be here to explain many unique ways to bring a sense of something new into your home and make you fall in love with it again! Register by calling ext. 317.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Apr. 25, Wed. from 10am to 11:30am Join in on this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly presentation should be attended prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Co-sponsored with Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana, registration will be taken at the toll free number of 888-303-0180.

presidents for the past 50 years to travel the world in *Air Force One: A History* on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Call the library to register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 10, Tues. at 2pm Pulitzer prize winning journalist, Tony Horowitz, provides a thoughtful and entertaining look at the Civil War and grown men's obsession with re-enacting battles from this conflict in *Confederates in the Attic*. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. Call the library to register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 11, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

MORNING HOUR

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am You may be surprised at the many ways the clients of Bridges are contributing to our community. One of their services includes transforming a memorial bouquet of fresh flowers into a beautiful memorial wreath after drying the flowers. Come and listen to a Bridges representative and a client who will ell you about this remarkable agency and the way they provide training, support, and care for adults with developmental disabilities.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for both teens and younger children. Participants, 7th grade and up, will earn volunteer time.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Apr. 16, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Let's take a trip to Delaware, the first state in the Union. We will explore the Dover Air Show, Fenwick Island, the Nassau Valley Vineyards, Fort Delaware, and the Shipwreck Museum.

SET UP A FREE E-MAIL ACCOUNT

Apr. 17, Tues. at 2pm This basic computer class will teach beginners how to set up a free e-mail account on the internet. Class size is limited so be sure to register early.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 19, Thurs. at 2pm FBI Special Agent Dave Richman encounters hostage negotiator Kate O'Malley during a bank robbery and finds himself drawn to her. *The Negotiator* by Dee Henderson then unfolds how a secret from Kate's past places her in danger. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. Call the library to register.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN 101

Apr. 19, Thurs. at 6:30pm Jan Lucera, Master Gardener, will discuss where to start in landscaping your home and how to plan a design that fits your yard. This program is co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Please register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Apr. 23, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Flying from Berlin to New York, Kyle Pratt's young daughter mysteriously disappears mid-flight. When no one can find a record of the little girl, Kyle must struggle to prove her sanity and find her child. *Flight Plan*, a 2005 film release, features Jodi Foster and Peter Sarsgaard. Refreshments will be served. Call the library to register.

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 24, Tues. at 2pm Participants will learn the basics of using the mouse, including how to move and click effectively. Class size is limited, so be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Apr. 25, Wed. at 2pm This class will teach beginners about the keyboard, the desktop, and how to create a simple word processing document. Class size is limited and registration required.

STAMP CAMP

Apr. 25, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up's Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of materials supplied to all participants. Registration is required.

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Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

Charlie Chaplin

April is National Humor Month and is appropriately highlighted by the birthday of Charlie Chaplin (born April 16, 1889), regarded by many as the greatest comedian of all time. Known best for his role as the "Little Tramp," the man with the toothbrush mustache, bowler hat, bamboo cane, and funny walk, his lengthy career spanned over two-thirds of the 20th century, beginning when he was 8 and touring with "The Eight Lancashire Lads" in turn-of-the-century England, continuing with his appearance in some 87 movies (not to mention those he wrote and/or directed), and culminating with his final appearance in the 1967 motion picture, "A Countess in Hong Kong," with Sophia Loren and Marlon Brando. His many honors included the French Legion of Honor; a lifetime achievement Academy Award (for his "incalculable effect in making motion pictures the art form of the century"); the Venice Film Festival's Golden Lion; and Knight Commander of the British Empire bestowed by Queen Elizabeth II in 1975. Though his life was filled with scandal and controversy as well as four marriages and 11 children, at heart he was a quiet man with an unpretentious lifestyle. He stated that "I remain one thing, and one thing only – and that is a clown. It places me on a far higher plane than any politician." Many would agree.

A display of books and other materials on the life and times of Charlie Chaplin will be found on the Upper Level through April.

Charlie Chaplin's World of Comedy by Wes D. Gehring (791.4309 GEHR)

My Life in Pictures by Charles Chaplin (B CHA CHAP)

My Autobiography by Charles Chaplin (B CHA CHAP)

Remembering Charlie: A Pictorial Biography by J. Epstein (B CHA CHAP)

Tramp: The Life of Charlie Chaplin by Joyce Milton (B CHA MILT)

Chaplin: His Life and Art by David Robinson (B CHA ROBI)

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 26, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as through the library's website. Class size is limited, and registration is required.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 26, Thurs. at 7pm Join in this discussion of *L. A. Requiem* by Robert Crais. When P.I. Elvis Cole discovers that his partner, Joe Pike was once the lover of a murdered woman, he goes beyond normal investigative procedures to pry into the Los Angeles Robbery-Homicide Division. Copies available at the circulation desk. Call the library to register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Apr. 30, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Join us as we watch the classic Hitchcock film *Vertigo* starring Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak, as a retired police detective and the best friend's wife in this eerie tale. Refreshments will be served. Call the library to register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION.

Apr. 16 to 21, Mon. through Sat. Celebrate *National Library Week*! Visit the Hobart Branch Library to see all our changes and new displays. Be the first person to check out books from our special displays, win prizes or visit our new book sale room.

BOOKS & CHAT

Apr. 17, Tues. at 2pm Rosamond Halsey Carr left her job as a New York City fashion illustrator to join her hunter-explorer husband in the Belgian Congo. For the next 50 years she lived an extraordinary life of adventure and witnessed the clashes between Hutus and the Tutsis. Join in on this discussion of *Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda* by Rosamond Halsey Carr. Please register.

THE POWER OF ONE DIETARY CHANGE IN LOSING WEIGHT

Apr. 19, Thurs. at 10:30am Participants will learn how to easily cut 100 calories per day to help in losing weight. Corinne Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Extension Educator, will present this free program. Call the library to register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 19, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

It's Tea Time-April 28

For seating/admission information please call

219 769-3541 ext. 317 or 315.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

QUILTING BEE

Apr. 6, Fri. at Noon Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 13, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION

Apr. 16 to 21, Mon. through Sat. Celebrate *National Library Week*! Visit the Lake Station Branch Library and be the first person to check out books from our special displays. Certain books are prize winners!

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm*

FAMILY STORY TIME

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 6pm Families can attend a special story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Please Register.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION

Apr. 16 to 21, Mon. through Sat. Celebrate *National Library Week*! Visit the New Chicago Branch Library and be the first person to check out books from our special displays. Certain books are prize winners!

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG 101

Apr. 4, Wed. at 1:30pm Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help yo to use our online catalog with confidence. Class size is limited, so be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 9, Mon. at 1:30pm Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the World Wide Web. Class size is limited so be sure to register.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Apr. 11, Wed. at 7pm Public Horticulturist Patricia Stimmel from Taltree Arboretum will discuss the variety of ornamental grasses that are readily available, as well as those that are unique. In addition, she will detail their cultivation and care and explain which grasses can become invasive in the right setting.

ADVERTISING OR ART? POSTERS ALONG THE SOUTH SHORE

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm The authors of *Moonlight in Duneland*, Steve McShane and Mitch Markovitz, use slides to

Ask a librarian

Q: Does the library have books about writing a job winning resume and cover letter?

A: Yes! The library has what you need to land your next job! Look in call number area 650.14 for over 300 books about creating polished résumés and cover letters. There are helpful examples of résumés and cover letters for almost every career and job seeker. To help you create an eye-catching résumé, the library has Microsoft Word's Résumé Wizard template on all the computers in the computer lab. Pick-up one of our step-by-step Résumé Wizard bookmarks to help make formatting and typing your résumé a breeze. Once you have created your résumé, books like *Job Searching Online for Dummies* by Pam Dixon, 025.0665014 DIXO can help you post it online.

ADVANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES FOR DEMENTIA

Apr. 25, Wed. from Noon to 1:30pm This free monthly informational and interactive session will focus on advanced topics with regard to caring for individuals with progressive dementia. Topics will include such things as handling behavior/communication changes, assisting with activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, [illegible]), planning of activities, and addressing difficult transitions (i.e., [illegible]ss of driving privileges). The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class, which is co-sponsored with Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana. Call toll free 888-303-0180 to register.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Apr. 25, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Register beginning Mar. 15th at ext. 346.

KNITTING CLASS

Apr. 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Have you been wanting to learn how to knit? Need help with a particularly difficult pattern? Here is a class for beginning, as well as experienced knitters. Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for novice through skilled knitting projects. Participants should bring a skein of yarn and size 10 to 12 knitting needles. Please register by calling ext. 317.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

[illegible]921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
[illegible]44-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 9, Mon. at 12:30pm Bored with her job, Ruby agrees to follow a woman's shady boyfriend. Soon Ruby is a hot walker at Belmont Racetrack, indulging in her lifelong love of horses while tracking the slippery Frank. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of Hex by Maggie Estep.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm With a lyrical writing style, Leif Enger provides an exciting yet calm plot in *Peace Like A River*. Narrated by 11 year old Rube Land, it is a story of how his father is torn between the love for his outlaw son and the duty to do the right and honest thing, as the Minnesota family traipse through the Dakota hills after the eldest brother breaks out of jail. Join us for refreshments and a lively discussion.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

STAMP CAMP

Apr. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm Can you feel the warmth of the sun invigorating your creativity? Come in and spend some time with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan from Stampin'Up, who will help you get ready with some new spring ideas. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials that will be supplied to all participants. Register.

SCRABBLE GAME MEETING

Apr. 11, Wed. at 1pm Do you enjoy playing the game of *Scrabble*? Adults are invited to join us for our initial meeting of the Griffith Branch Scrabble Club. We will have a brief organizational session; then spend time playing this classic crossword game. Join us for some mentally challenging fun!

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 18, Wed. at 7pm Deep in the rain forests of Peru, Angela Pace and her team search for a cure for deadly diseases, one strain already ravaging her own mind and body. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *The Canopy* by Angela Hunt.

GRIFFITH GAB

Apr. 23, Mon. at 1pm In *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* David Sedaris uses this collection of his personal essays to lift the corner of ordinary life, revealing the absurdity teeming below its surface. His world is alive with obscure desires and hidden motives – a world where forgiveness is automatic and an argument can be the highest form of love. Join us for a discussion of these witty writings.

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Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SNACK & PLAN

Apr. 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants (teens 12 and older) will earn volunteer time.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 3, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will paint "Swan" on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a $14 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

Apr. 4, 6, 11, 13, Wed. & Fri. from 1pm to 5pm Tax counselors will assist with individual income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills, and all federal and state booklets received in the mail must be brought to this appointment. Counselors will not prepare business or farm taxes. Appointment required, call the library.

SCRAP BOOKING

Apr. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Refreshments will be served.

HISTORY VIDEO

Apr. 10, Tues. at 2pm Travel to Jerusalem and explore the history of the most troubled and the most revered city in the world with a history from Abraham to modern times. Refreshments will be served.

PAJAMA STORY TIME FAMILY FUN

Apr. 16, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will celebrate *National Library Week* as they participate in a variety of fun activities. Children may wear their pajamas to this special story time.

BOOKS & CHAT

Apr. 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss the *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. In this novel of profound beauty and wonder, Rev. John Ames writes "his begats," the history of his family, his own and that of his father and grandfather, for his young son in the form of a long letter. This is a story of fathers and sons, beliefs, love, friendship, and reconciliation.

PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 21, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "A Vase of Sunflowers" on an 8"x 10" canvas. There is a $14 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

FOUND ART FUN

Apr. 23 to 25, Mon. to Wed., 3:30 to 5pm Teens (11 and older) will create art with recycled materials that may be taken home or placed on display at the library. They will create picture frames, clocks, instruments, puppets and more. This will be an ongoing program during *Earth Day Week*. Materials will be available during progr hours.

Staff Recommends-New DVDs

Best Practices for Your Website: a series of 12 titles ranging from such topics as cool tools, redesign, analytics, search engine optimization and more.

Creating a Life That Matters: What is the secret that all successful people have in common? Is there a recipe for what you can do today to have lasting success in your work, your career and your relationships. 68 minutes. Copyright 2006.

Jesus Camp: Nominated for an Academy Award 2006. A first ever look into an intense training ground that recruits born-again Christian children to become an active part of America's political future. 87 minutes. Copyright 2006. Rated PG-13.

Identity Theft: An informational program on how identity theft occurs, ways to minimize the risk of becoming a victim and what victims should do. 45 minutes. Copyright 2003. Produced by the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

Making Marines: Through the eyes of recruits, drill instructors and company commander5s, go inside Marine Corps Boot Camp at Parris Island, S.C. to witness the 12 grueling weeks of physical and mental training that transforms ordinary young men into Marines. 150 minutes on 3 discs. Copyright 2002.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Apr. 24, Tues. at 2pm Travel the world without leaving home and enjoy an unforgettable odyssey from ancient to modern Greece via the big screen leading to the heart of the Byzantine Empire. Refreshments will be served.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY

Apr. 26 & 27, Thurs. & Fri. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Participants will take a refresher course in safe driving and learn important tips for avoiding driving hazards. Those who complete the course may qualify for auto insurance discounts and should consult with their insurance agent. Refreshments will be served, but please bring your lunch. There is a $10, non-refundable, fee payable to AARP by check or money order due at the time of registration.

REMARKABLE RAINFORESTS

Apr. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will celebrate *Earth Day* making rain sticks and participating in other fun activities.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY FILM SERIES

Apr. 2, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm View the various planes used by

discuss the South Shore poster series of the 1920's and the recent campaign that began in the late 1990's. In 1998, Mr. Markovitz helped launch the current *Along the South Shore Line* poster series, which continues to produce posters today, most notably the Munster Centennial poster. See how history and art combine to produce a powerful message, whether considered as art, advertising, or both. Refreshments will be served. Register.

EXPLORE INDIA

Apr. 19, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm Take a horseback trip in the Aravalli Mountains to visit Rajasthan. Tour lavish palaces in Udaipur, and cycle country roads to get a glimpse of the rural lifestyle. Enjoy a safari across India's Thar Desert, riding camels to meet tribal people.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 26, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screenings.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Apr. 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm In *True North* by Jim Harrison, the son of a wealthy family of timber barons struggles to reconcile himself with the damage his family has done to Michigan's Upper Peninsula – a scarring that cuts deeply into the fabric of his own family.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Apr. 26, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Utilitarianism* by John Stuart Mill, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

NOT AT A THEATRE NEAR YOU – INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Apr. 2, Mon. at 1pm Our monthly series of award-winning, independent films continues with *Carol's Journey*, the story of a young girl born and raised in New York City, who must leave the comforts and modern-day luxuries of home for the tradition and history of Spain. We'll then hold a short discussion. The film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only; runtime: 100 minutes; Spanish with subtitles. Refreshments will be served.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Apr. 3, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Apr. 11 & 12, Wed. & Thurs. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Adults, age 50 and older, will learn how to adjust their driving to accommodate for age-related physical changes in hearing, sight, and reflexes. Participants will refresh their knowledge of road rules and learn important tips for avoiding accidents. Some insurance companies offer a discount to drivers who complete this 8 hour course. Refreshments will be served. Registration and a $10 non-refundable fee, payable by check or money order to AARP, are required in advance.

COME TOGETHER FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Apr. 17, Tues. at 6:30pm Beatles fans of all ages are invited to come together @ your library for a Beatles-themed open mic night featuring acoustic musical performances and poetry readings. Performers should bring their own instruments; PA system will be provided.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Apr. 18, Wed. at 7pm The exquisite art, artifacts, and architecture of Jerusalem's 3,000 year history unfolds in a one-hour travel video. Refreshments provided.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 24, Tues. from 10:30am to 2pm Participants will complete a small canvas painting with instruction and help from an experienced artist. There is a fee of $12 to cover the cost of all materials that will be provided due at the time of the class. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required.

STAMP CAMP

Apr. 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of supplies that will be provided, due at the time of class. Registration is required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Apr. 25 or 26, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Money changes everything for the Pappas family when they win the lottery. Readers are invited to discuss *The Rich Part of Life*, the funny and endearing debut novel of Chicago author Jim Kokoris.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. ***St. John, IN 46373***
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

SIT & KNIT

Apr. 4 & 18, Wed. at 6pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common "thread." All levels welcome.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Apr. 10, Tues. at 10:15am An airplane from Hong Kong to Denver is not the only thing to take a plunge! Michael Crichton plunges his readers into the realm of plane crash investigations in *Airframe*. This book may begin a new genre- the industrial suspense novel. Copies of this novel will be available at the circulation desk to be read prior to the discussion, please register.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Apr. 10, Tues. at 1:30pm Her name was Margaretha Zelle, but it was her stage name, Mata Hari, that became synonymous with seduction, evil, and betrayal. In this video biography, meet the Dutch woman who traveled the world performing exotic dances and became the world's most celebrated spy. Refreshments served. Please register.

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TEA TIME

The Lake County Public Library Foundation
presents the
7th Annual Literary Tea on Saturday, April 28th at 1:00pm
in the Central Library at 1919 West 81st Avenue (US 30), Merrillville.

The event includes a full afternoon tea with appetizers, finger sandwiches, desserts and a full compliment of teas for $15 per person. In addition, raffle tickets are available at all of the branches for a host of precious items.

This year's entertainment will feature Kirk Muspratt, Music Director and Conductor of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, as he speaks about his passion for music and the Symphony.

For more information and to purchase a ticket call 219-769-3541, ext. 317 or 315.

Lakeshore Public Television

Lakeshore Public Television broadcasts to 14 counties in Indiana and Illinois, reaching thousands of people in rural areas, small towns, and major cities. Producing over 300 hours annually, a variety of programming includes weather, sports programming (including college basketball games), and public affairs shows. It also features Northwest Indiana's only local newscast, Lakeshore News Tonight.

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WALK ON YOUR WILD SIDE

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 4pm Children in Kindergarten to 3rd grade will celebrate *Walk on Your Wild Side* day by participating in wacky, unpredictable activities. They will hear wild stories, play games, and create a take home craft that will encourage their creative, wild side. Call ext. 360 to register.

A GREEN CELEBRATION

Apr. 26, Thurs. at 4pm School age kids (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) will celebrate a combination of *Earth Day* and *Arbor Day* with stories about taking care of our Earth. There will also be games and a craft. Register by calling ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

SPRING IS HERE

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children in grades Kindergarten and up will celebrate Spring by using popcorn to make a special picture. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

LET'S FLY A KITE

Apr. 11, Wed. at 4pm April is *National Kite Month* and children, ages 3 and older, will be entertained by stories, a craft, and special treats. Please register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 2, 9, 16 & 23, Mon. at 10:30am Join in this 4 week series filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. It is an interactive nursery rhyme, lap-sit program for children from 6 months to 35 months of age accompanied by a caregiver. Please register.

BUNNY HOPPING

Apr. 3, Wed. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will make spoon bunny magnets and enjoy other bunny fun. Please register.

EGG DECORATING

Apr. 3, Tues. at 6:30pm Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will decorate a wooden oval egg and turn a second egg into a rock'n-roll'n rabbit. Please register.

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RAIN DROP SPLASH

Apr. 10, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will use a little waxed paper, crayons and some heat to create mock stained glass rain drops. Register.

SHH! LISTEN

Apr. 17, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 years of age, will celebrate Ben's birthday after listening to the conclusion of the book *Ben and Me*.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Apr. 19, Thurs. at 6:30pm This evening, we will use picture books and film to learn about those April showers. The featured video will be *Paddington Goes to the Movies*. Register.

OUTDOOR NOISE

Apr. 24, Tues. at 3:30pm A pencil, plastic cup, fishing line, and rosin will become a wailing whirly-gig for noisy outdoor fun for 6 to 10 year old children. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

Apr. 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants (12 and older) earn volunteer time.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 5, 12, 19, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, ages birth to 3 years, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

CHESS

Apr. 5 & 19, Thurs. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Apr. 10 & 24, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories, participate in music activities, and choose to watch a short film based on a children's book or make a craft. The themes will be April Showers, and Frogs.

TALES OF FROG & TOAD

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 6th grade, will enjoy stories of *Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel and will watch the film *Frog and Toad are Friends*. A fly catching frog craft will conclude the program. Don't miss this hopping-good time!

FOUND ART FUN

Apr. 23, 24, 25 from 3:30 to 5pm Teens will create art with recycled materials that they may take home and/or display at the library. They will create picture frames, clocks from used CDs, instruments, puppets and more. This will be an ongoing program during *Earth Day Week*. Materials will be available Monday through Wednesday.

CRAFT CORNER

Apr. 26, Thurs. at 4pm Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will make sun catchers. Small holes are made with push pins in the paper sun-shaped catchers. When hung in a window at home, they catch the sunlight in brilliant designs.

REMARKABLE RAINFORESTS: CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

Apr. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm Families will make rain sticks and participate in other fun activities celebrating the earth.

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Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 3, 10, 17 & 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute, interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement, including both adult and child participation. Please register for either the morning or evening sessions.

BUSY BEES: GOING "QUACKERS"

Apr. 4, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Ducks will be featured in this story hour for pre-school age, 3 to 5 year olds, children. Register.

TODDLER'S SHOWERS & FLOWERS

Apr. 9, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds accompanied by their caregiver, will enjoy stories, active songs, and related activities during this ½ hour lap sit story time. Register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for both teens and younger children. Participants, 7th grade and up, will earn volunteer time.

BUSY BEES: RAIN RAIN?

Apr. 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Rainy day stories will be featured in this story hour featured in this story hour for pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds). Please register.

TODDLER'S ANIMAL BABIES

Apr. 23, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds accompanied by a caregiver will enjoy stories, active songs, and related activities during this ½ hour lap sit story time. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

SPRING SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

Apr. 5, Thurs. at 4m School age children, Kindergarten through grade 4, are invited to hear spring stories and to make a spring craft. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Apr. 17 or 18, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories, participate in finger plays, songs, and a craft. Register.

TODDLER STORY TIME

Apr. 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 24 to 35 months, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, and participate in finger plays, songs, and a simple craft. Register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE

Apr. 11, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, can view a movie selected for them.

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PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Apr. 18, Wed. at 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can attend this special spring story time. This session will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO'S

Apr. 20, Fri. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, can attend this special lap sit story time. Stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft will be included. Please register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

FAMILY STORY TIME

Apr. 12, Thurs. at 6pm Families can attend a special story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Please Register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

TERRIFIC 2'S & 3'S

Apr. 2 & 16, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story times. The themes for this month are "bunnies and eggs" and "Earth." Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 4 & 18, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

SNACK & PLAN

Apr. 5, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for students currently in 5th grade and higher will focus on planning upcoming events and signing-up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Apr. 6 & 20, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

FANTASTIC 4'S & 5'S

Apr. 10 & 24, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story time which includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities. April's themes are "chickens and rabbits" and "Earth, our planet."

THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH

Apr. 11, Wed. at 4pm "Since Milo has absolutely nothing better to do, he dusts off his toy car, pays the toll, and drives through," and so begins the fantastic tale of *The Phantom Tollbooth*. What ensues is a journey of mythic proportions, during which Milo encounters countless odd characters, who are anything but dull. School age children, grades Kindergarten and older, are encouraged to banish boredom and join us as we enjoy this classic by Norton Juster.

A CHOCOLATE LOVER'S DREAM COME TRUE

Apr. 14, Sat. at 2pm Youngsters in 5th grade or higher are invited to a chocolate event. Bring that Easter candy you don't really want and see if you can trade it for something else. We will also be exploring different types of chocolate from around the world. Perhaps you'll invent your own.

COME TOGETHER AT THE LIBRARY

Apr. 17, Tues. at 4pm It's *National Library Week* and to celebrate, children ages 3 and older are invited to hear some stories and make a puzzling craft. Parents are requested to attend with children 5 and under.

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WORD CRAZY

Apr. 25, Wed. at 4pm Like words? School age children (kindergarten and older) can join us as we explore the crazier side of the dictionary and have some fun with madlibs, word games, and other puzzles.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 10, 17, 24, Tues. at 10:30am, 11:30am, or 6:30pm Children, ages 6 to 35 months, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. This is a 3 week session and children are encouraged to attend one session each week. Registration, which begins March 27, is required.

OVER THE HEDGE

Apr. 14, Sat. at 2pm School age children, grades 5 and up, will watch an animated film as they see how RJ the Raccoon encourages other animals to venture over the hedge to discover a new world. The film is rated PG and is 83 minutes in duration.

CANDY MAKING & EATING FOR KIDS

Apr. 19, Thurs. at 2pm Yum-Yum! School age children, 5 years and older, will experience candy making and enjoy eating what they make. Please register.

STAMP IT!

Apr. 21, Sat. from 10am to Noon Join professional stamper, Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan as she demonstrates 3 spring projects. There is a $3 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration required.

CHESS CLUB

Apr. 23, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (Kindergarten and older), from beginners to advanced, bring a friend and meet with this group to learn or improve chess skills and share strategies. This will be the last Chess Club gathering until September.

BANJO TALES

Apr. 28, Sat. at 10am Meet Dan LeMonnier, a local banjo player and storyteller, as he entertains everyone. Dan has performed for the Smithsonian Institute, as well as hundreds of schools and libraries across the Midwest. He was also known as the ever popular Bulls mascot, Benny the Bull. Registration required.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

SPRING FEVER

Apr. 3 or 4, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate the season with stories, musical activities, finger plays and make a craft. Register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 10, 17, & 24, Tues. at 10:30am Children from ages 6 through 35 months, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. Registration is required.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Apr. 18, Wed. at 1:30pm In celebration of *National Library Week*, pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy hearing stories, participating in musical activities, finger plays and watching a short film. Register.

STAMP CAMP FOR KIDS

Apr. 21, Sat. at 1pm To celebrate *National Library Week*, school age children, ages 8 and older, will join Stampin'Up! consultant Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan as she demonstrates 3 projects. There is a $3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials that will be provided, payable at the time of the program. Registration is required.

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HELP FROG FIND THE FLOWERS

FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS

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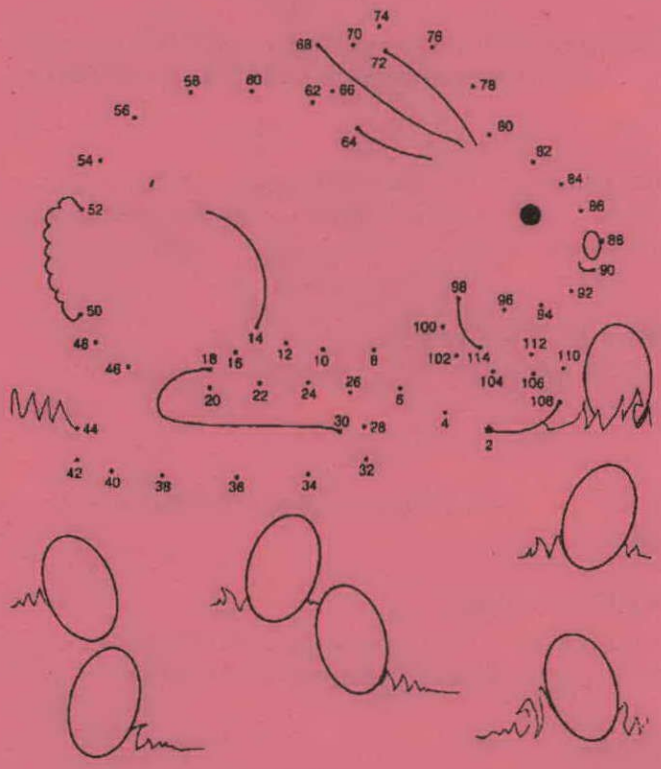

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Library Classes: Becoming Computer Savvy

Not yet sure how to use a computer? Is your computer gathering dust because you just don't like fumbling around, trying to figure it out? Twice a year, the Griffith Branch offers a series of free classes covering the basics of computer-ology. Registration for the June programs begins mid-May. We don't promise to turn you into a geek, but you will have a start on using a computer with confidence.

"Meet the Mouse" is for people with few no computer skills. In other words, if've never touched a computer (not even played with one in the stores), this is the place to start. We concentrate on moving the mouse, clicking, and important parts of the keyboard. You will get an overview of the parts of a computer and how they work, in plain English. Then, you will learn how to click and see what happens when you do.

"Basic Windows" offers training to enable you to use computers at the library, (e.g., using a mouse, opening & closing programs, minimizing, etc.). Learning the basics of one Windows program gives you a start on any Windows program because they all have some common ways of working. We'll use Microsoft Word's word processor to learn the landscape of Windows programs. When we're through, you might not be an expert, but you will be ready to write this year's Christmas letter or your great American novel (assuming you already have a great American novel in you).

In "Navigating the 'Net," you'll learn what be found on the Internet and how you can find information on the Web through search engines. Knowledge of basic Windows is required, so we recommend that you take our "Basic Windows" class prior to this one. If you took the "Basic Windows" class, you're ready for "Navigating the 'Net." You definitely don't have to be an expert, but you do need to be comfortable with using the mouse. After a brief explanation of what the Internet is and isn't, we'll discuss safety on the 'Net. Then we move on to surfing the Web.

If you just want to use email, our newest computer class, "EZ Email," gets you started using free web-based email. If you don't already have an email address, we'll help sign you up for a free account on Yahoo. Then we'll cover sending, receiving, replying, and forwarding. You will still need the basics of using a computer, at least the skills we cover in "Meet the Mouse."

One important thing to remember is that these are hands-on classes. Instead of just listening to a lecture, you will sit at an assigned computer and actually learn exactly how to do things. We will offer this series of classes three times (except the email class, which is only offered twice). So, you have three opportunities for each of the classes, but space is limited. There are only eight computers, so only eight people can attend each class. This limited size means classes fill up quickly, but it also means we have time for personal attention. No one gets left behind. We speak English in these classes, not computer-ese, but you'll be able to sling the lingo with the best of them when we're through.

Mark Furukawa
Calumet Township Branch Manager

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ALL branches of the Lake County Public Library will be closed **Monday, May 28th** in observance of **Memorial Day.**

Once again, the Lake County Public Library will offer an **Adult Summer Reading Program.** Look for your entry forms beginning June 4th and continuing through July 28th.

Read! Read! Read!

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

BOOKreMARKS

Wisdom of Our Fathers: Lessons and Letters from Daughters and Sons by Tim Russert – The title says it all! This is a touching tribute to our fathers. The book may inspire you to write a letter to Dad (or Mom) while you still have the opportunity. To join the May discussion, send an email to *remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us*. For more information about the online book discussions visit *http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 2, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

INTRODUCTION TO TOEFL

April 10 through May 24 on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is a requirement for admission into colleges and universities where instruction is in English. In addition, many government, licensing, certification agencies, and exchange and scholarship programs use TOEFL scores to evaluate the English proficiency of people for whom English is not their native language. Offered at the library is a preparation for those planning to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The class will introduce and place emphasis on the speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills needed for the test. Admission is limited and registration is required by calling ext. 309.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

May 2, 9, 16, & 23, Wed. from 6:30pm to 8pm Co-sponsored with the International Community Alliance. This class prepares adults for the citizenship test and the interview required to become a citizen. Students will review the test questions, practice writing the English language and discuss tips for the immigration interview required to become a citizen. Larry Sharp, Executive Director of the International Community Alliance, will be the instructor. Classes will meet in the library's Literacy Center. Register at ext. 309.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 2, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Registration begins Apr. 16th at ext. 346.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 9, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Registration begins Apr. 16th at ext. 346.

CALUMET CHAMBER MUSIC

May 9, Wed. at 7pm An ensemble from the Calumet Chamber Musicians will be here to celebrate spring and enchant the audience with a mix of pieces from the classical repertoire: solo, duo, and trio. The music will feature instruments such as the flute and clarinet. Refreshments will be served. Register at ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS

May 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to discuss *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren. Set in Depression-era Louisiana, and based on the life of Governor Huey Long, this Pulitzer Prize-winning novel stunningly depicts that time and place, and remains a timeless tale of the corrupting nature of power. Call ext. 340 to register.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

May 11, Fri. at 9:30am With an incredible history for transportation, Jim Cullen will present "Rail Road Fun & Music," a program co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 663-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

GREAT DECISIONS

May 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence our lives. It is an informational discussion introduced by a short video presentation. The discussions take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. This month's topic is *International Migration in a Globalizing Economy*. There is a one-time $5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos. For further information, call ext. 339.

EXERCISE AND DIET HEALTH FAIR

May 14, Mon. at 1:00pm Mark your calendar now for a free Exercise and Diet Health Fair! Area health vendors will have booths and Purdue Extension Agent Corrine Powell will talk about how one dietary change can make a difference in our health and well-being. At 5:30pm area children will perform a tae kwon do demonstration. No registration is required.

GARDENING

May 15, Tues. at 7pm The County Extension Director of Agriculture and National Resources, Stan Sims, will provide detailed information on how to 'Grow a Beautiful Lawn,' with graphic displays and handouts for all who attend. Register at ext. 317.

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Q: Where can I find the chairmen for the Indiana House and Indiana Senate education committees?

A: The *State Yellow Book* (RR353.9025 STAT) lists all of Indiana's State Senators and Representatives. The standing committees are listed after the list of Senators and Representatives. Within the listing of committees, there is a listing for the chair of the committee.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

May 16, Wed. at 2pm or 6m Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence either in the library or from your home or office. Register beginning Apr. 16th at ext. 346.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

May 23, Wed. from 10am to 11:30am Join in on this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly presentation should be attended prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Co-sponsored with Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana, registration will be taken at the toll free number of 888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES FOR DEMENTIA

May 23, Wed. from Noon to 1:30pm This free monthly informational and interactive session will focus on advanced topics with regard to caring for individuals with progressive dementia. Topics will include such things as handling behavior/communication changes, assisting with activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, etc.), planning of activities, and addressing difficult transitions (i.e., loss of driving privileges). The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class, which is co-sponsored with Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana. Call toll free 888-303-0180 to register.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

May 23, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Register beginning Apr. 16th at ext. 346.

KNITTING CLASS

May 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Have you been wanting to learn how to knit? Are you a knitter with a particularly difficult pattern for which you could use some help? Here is a class for beginning, as well as experienced knitters. Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for the novice through skilled knitting projects. Participants should bring a skein of yarn with size 10 to 12 knitting needles, or the project they are already knitting. Register on ext. 317.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 14, Mon. at 12:30pm Just as Benny Whipple, a vaudeville veteran, is being buried, Steve Allen and Jayne Meadows discover the body of murdered slapstick king, Terry Parker. Everyone in Hollywood is a suspect. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Die Laughing* by Steve Allen.

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 21, Wed. at 6:30pm *Turn of the Screw* by Henry James, the master of nuance, provides a great intellectual spook tale. A neurotic governess tries to exorcize what she believes are malevolent ghosts haunting the two orphaned children in her care. The household staff seem unaware of anything unusual, the master of the household (and their uncle) is always absent, and even the children themselves are evasive. Join us for this discussion of a novel that generates spine-tingling anxiety for its readers.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 16, Wed. at 7pm Steven begins to remember a troubling childhood summer in wartime London where a child's game of playing spies wreaked havoc upon innocent lives. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *Spies* by Michael Frayn.

STAMP CAMP

May 23, Wed. at 6:30pm June is around the corner and it's time for some summer fun. Join Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan from Stampin'Up as she helps you get started with some new projects. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Please register.

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GRIFFITH GAB

May 28, Mon. at 1pm Thousands of people live in the subway, railroad, and sewage tunnels in the bowels of New York City. *The Mole People: Life in the Tunnels Beneath New York City* is about these people. These men, women and children live alone and in communities, each one having their own reason for leaving the "topside world" behind. The author, Jennifer Toth, visits these underground communities to gain an insight into how people came to live here and why they choose to remain. Join us as for an exploration into this other world.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SCRAP BOOKING

May 2, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2 page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Refreshments will be served.

MORE COMICS, PLEASE

May 5, Sat. at 1pm In celebration of *Free Comic Book Day*, the library will host a movie marathon of films based on comic books or a graphic novel. This program for teens, 11 years and older, also provides an opportunity to bring comic books to exchange; several will win a new comic book or graphic novel of their choice. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

SNACK & PLAN

May 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for both teens and younger kids. Participants must be 12 and older and will earn volunteer time.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: TRAVEL THE ROAD

May 8, Tues. at 2pm Route 66 spanned eight states from Illinois to California, and went through hundreds of small towns. Learn its history, take a heartwarming journey, and meet a cast of charming, outlandish characters. Refreshments will be served.

BOOKS & CHAT

May 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Runaway: Stories* by Alice Munro. This author has been called a brilliant short story writer, and this latest collection is no exception. She infuses her stories with unusual plots and characters combined with suspense and drama to explore the darker side of human nature, friendship, and reconciliation.

A MOVING CELEBRATION

May 21, Mon. at 6:30pm Everyone is invited to celebrate the one year anniversary of the new library with lots of moving to stories and songs. They will also show off how well the know the new library when they go on a scavenger hunt throughout the new building. They will finish the fun with ice cream sundaes for all!

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

May 22, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy the geologic wonders of America's National Monuments of the Northern and Southern Plains. Refreshments will be served.

Staff Recommends

Health Databases

Health and Wellness Resource Center

Use the *Health and Wellness Resource Center* to find magazines, journals, newspapers, definitions, directories, and information on: Fitness, Pregnancy, Medicine, Nutrition, Diseases, Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety, Alcohol and Drug abuse, Prescription Drugs, etc. Included are links to diet, cancer, and health assessment sites as well as government databases.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

GVRL is a different way for users to access a collection of business, medical and literature reference books that can be found in print in the Library. The following medical titles are available online through the *Virtual Reference Library*:

Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine (GVRL)
Encyclopedia of Cancer (GVRL)
Encyclopedia of Children's Health (GVRL)
Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders (GVRL)
Encyclopedia of Medicine (GVRL)
Encyclopedia of Surgery (GVRL)

The information in these databases is for informational purposes only and is not intended to replace the advice of your own physician or other qualified health provider.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

NATIVE TREES & GRASSES

May 3, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener William Tobin will discuss how to use native trees and grasses in your landscape in this Gardening Program co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Register.

HISTORY FILM SERIES

May 7, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm This tribute to Bob Hop star of stage, screen, radio, and television, follows his life from his vaudeville beginnings to his 90th birthday celebration. Refreshments will be served. Register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 8, Tues. at 2pm Join in on this discussion of a humorous, speculative novel that fills in the lost years of Jesus Christ from the perspective of his best friend Biff in Christopher Moore's *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff.* Register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 9, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

CROSSROADS-GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

May 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Andrew Kyres will discuss and demonstrate Gentle Chair Yoga Techniques for the seniors who attend Crossroads (formerly Sand Ridge Morning Club). Refreshments will be served. Call First Financial Bank at 972-7317 for more information and to register for this free program.

DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

May 10 & 11, Thurs. & Fri. from 12:30pm to 4:30pm Hal Schaller will teach the AARP Driver Safety Class, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver. Participants in the two day class may be eligible to receive insurance discounts. There is a $10 fee, which is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

FINDING THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR

May 10, Thurs. at 6:30pm Attorney Stephen Maish will discuss how to determine if a contractor is legitimate and how to hire a reputable contractor for your renovation work in this program co-sponsored with the Highland Re-development Commission. Register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

May 14, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch the sights and sounds of Nebraska, including the Omaha Zoo, Father Flannigan's Boys & Girls Town, Cabella's and a Stonehenge replica made entirely of scrap automobiles. Refreshments will be served. Register.

SENIOR SAFETY

May 15, Tues. at 2pm Detective Lance Corporal John Sipples of the Highland Police Department will address senior's concerns about identity theft, fraud, banking and scams. Refreshments will be served. Register.

BASKET MAKING CLASS

May 15, Tues. at 5pm Lori Muro of Highland will teach participants how to make a Curly-Q Basket. All of the wood supplies needed to make the basket will be provided. There is a $20 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a bucket, towel, wooden spring-type clothespins, scissors, a tape measure and spray bottle. Register.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

May 17, Thurs. at 2pm Copies of *Christy* by Catherine Marshall will be available for checkout for this discussion of the story of 19 year old Christy, who leaves her home in Asheville to teach in Cutter Gap in 1912. Register.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN 101

May 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Jana Lucera will discuss where to start in landscaping your home and how to plan your landscape design. Note: This is a date change from the original schedule of the gardening brochure from April 19th to May 17th. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

May 21, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Two college professors explore the differences between true love and superficial roman-

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Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

L. FRANK BAUM

Few authors have brought so much joy to children – and to all the young of heart – as L. Frank Baum, whose birthday falls very appropriately in the merry month of May. Born May 15, 1856, with a weak heart, his future did not look promising, and indeed he failed at just about everything he tried to do. He was an actor successful in only one production (*The Maid of Arran* in 1882); a newspaper editor for *The Aberdeen Saturday Pilgrim* (Aberdeen, North Dakota), which failed; a store owner (Baum's Bazaar) who eventually had to file for bankruptcy; and as a motion picture producer and director, his life was a continual struggle. A kind and gentle family man who never swore or told dirty jokes, and who found it difficult even to punish his four sons (he left that to his wife), he met all challenges with enthusiasm and talent, but with a complete lack of business sense.

Finally, encouraged by his mother-in-law, in 1897 he published a collection of his own nursery rhymes, *Mother Goose in Prose,* which met rave reviews; in 1899 he published *Father Goose: His Book*, which became the best-selling book of that year; and in 1900 *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* appeared to instant and ongoing success. This book was the beginning of the Oz series, America's own fairy tales. Baum maintained that "...to please a child is a sweet and lovely thing that warms one's heart and brings its own reward," and his marvelous creations have indeed pleased generations of children of all ages.

A display of books and other materials on the life and times of L. Frank Baum will be found on the Upper Level through May.

To Please a Child: A Biography of L. Frank Baum, Royal Historian of Oz by Frank Joslyn Baum (B BAU BAUM)

L. Frank Baum, Creator of Oz by Katharine M. Rogers (B BAU ROGER)

The Oz Scrapbook by David L. Greene and Dick Martin (813.4 GERE)

Wonderful Wizard, Marvelous Land by Raylyn Moore (813.4 MOOR)

The Wizard of Oz: Shaping an Imaginary World by Suzanne Rahn (813.4 RAHN)

The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum (X BAUM)

tic love in this romantic comedy. *The Mirror Has Two Faces* stars Barbara Streisand and Jeff Bridges. Refreshments will be served. Register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 24, Thurs. at 7pm Join in on this lively discussion of Xiaolong Qiu's *When Red is Black*. When Inspector Chen is made an offer by a triad-connected businessman, he takes a vacation, leaving his partner to investigate a novelist's death. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Register.

STAMP CAMP

May 30, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up's Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

HIGHLAND CRIME WATCH: SCAMS & DECEPTIONS

May 31, Thurs. at 6:30pm Join us for the bi-monthly Highland Crime Watch meeting co-sponsored by the Highland Police Department. Detective Ralph Potesta will inform residents of the current scams and deceptions that the police are seeing in Highland. He will also address the issue of identity theft by sharing his personal experience with this timely issue. Refreshments will be served. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

BOOK CHAT

May 15, Tues. at 2pm This winner of the Agatha Award for best first novel is the story of the murder of a particularly difficult mother-of-the-bride. Wedding planner Annabelle Archer, whose business partner is suspected, must navigate through the city's colorful wedding industry and powerful social scene on the deadly trail of a killer to salvage her career. And it's no easy task, since the slain matron was one of the most hated socialites in D. C.! Follow the surprises a ruthless killer throws her as she gets too close in Laura Durham's *Better Off Wed*. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 17, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

PLAN YOUR GARDEN

May 19, Sat. from 1pm-3pm Advanced Master Gardener Jim Pavelka of the National Garden Club, a landscape consultant and member of the Hobart Garden Club, will share ideas on how to plan your summer garden using your home computer. Register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

QUILTING

May 4, Fri. at Noon Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 11, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

THE LIFE & DEATH OF A LAWN

May 9, Wed. at 7pm Stan Sims, Purdue University Lake County Extension Director, will discuss soil preparation, seeding vs. sod, how and when to seed, lawn maintenance, fertilization, and crab grass control.

MUNSTER'S PUBLIC ART

May 10, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Hugh and Charlotte Brauer were instrumental in planning and coordinating Munster's public art, considered one of the best collections of outdoor art in the Midwest. Come hear about this project that has put Munster on the Visual Arts map! Registration required.

EXPLORE BARCELONA

May 17, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Discover Barcelona, the city that was a major influence in the development of the Iberian peninsula. The modernist architecture of Antoni Gaudi is seen throughout the city. Discover extraordinary art, history, people, chocolate and the ancient Catalon dance of the Sardana.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 24, Thurs. 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

May 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm Conceived to provide a bone marrow match for her leukemia-stricken sister, teenager Anna begins to question her moral obligations in light of countless medical procedures. She decides to fight for the right to make decisions about her own body in *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

May 31, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Caesar & Cleopatra* by Bernard Shaw, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

May 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

NOT AT A THEATRE NEAR YOU – INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

May 7, Mon. at 1pm This month's independent film is *Wolves in the Snow*, a tense and unpredictable crime drama from Canada. This film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Runtime: 90 minutes. In French with English subtitles. Refreshments served.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

May 15, Tues. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Participants will complete a small canvas painting of a wheel barrow and flowers with instruction from an experienced artist. Class fee of $14 covers the cost of all materials provided. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

May 16, Wed. at 7pm Enjoy the streets of old Charleston, a dolphin-watching excursion around Hilton Head, and the many other pleasures of South Carolina in a one hour travel video. Refreshments provided.

STAMP CAMP

May 22, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of supplies provided, which is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

May 23 or 24, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Private detective Jackson Brodie finds his own need for resolution sparked by three different, but possibly related investigations. Readers are invited to join us to discuss *Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

SIT & KNIT

May 2 & 16, Wed. at 6pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common "thread." All levels welcome.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

May 8, Tues. at 10:15am Private Investigator Sam Spade is neck high in "the stuff dreams are made of," deception, money....and murder in the mystery classic, *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett. The book is available at the Circulation Desk.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

May 8, Tues. at 1:30pm He was a prize fighter, a straight man, a beloved singer, and loved by all. Viewers will enjoy traveling down memory lane in this video biography of Dean Martin. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

STAMP CAMP

May 14, Mon. at 6:30pm It's an hour of creative expression with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects designed with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Registration required.

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EXERCISE and DIET HEALTH FAIR

Summer is just around the corner and now is the time to begin that diet and exercise plan you've wanted to initiate since the New Year. To help you get started, Lake County Public Library is inviting you to an Exercise and Diet Health Fair on Monday, May 14th from 1-4 p.m. at our Central Library in Merrillville. Vendors from all over the community will be here to answer your questions on diet, exercise, and nutrition opportunities. Purdue Extension Agent Corrine Powell will provide a method for you to make one monumental dietary change. Other opportunities will be a drawing at 4:00, where one lucky winner will receive a basket full of items donated by our vendors and at 5:30 p.m., there will be a tae kwon do demonstration that your kids won't want to miss. Be sure to stop by the Central library's display to learn more about our Health & Wellness database. We can't wait to see you there!

Lakeshore Public Television

Lakeshore Public Television broadcasts to 14 counties in Indiana and Illinois, reaching thousands of people in rural areas, small towns, and major cities. Producing over 300 hours annually, a variety of programming includes weather, sports programming (including college basketball games), and public affairs shows. It also features Northwest Indiana's only local newscast, Lakeshore News Tonight.

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Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

Please contact your Central Branch for information regarding Happenings @ your library.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

CLOWNING AROUND

May 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, will hear a silly story and make the silliest clown with special supplies. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

AY FLOWERS

May 9, Wed. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will enjoy flower power stories, games, a craft, and sweet treats. Please register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

GARDEN KNEE PADS

May 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will turn colorful vinyl squares into a kneeling pad for the family gardener or as a sit-upon in your room. Register.

NARNIA ADVENTURE CONTINUES

May 5, Sat. at 10:30am Young adults, ages 11 and older, will travel back to Narnia and discuss the next title in the series, *The Silver Chair*. Breakfast goodies will also be served. Register.

GOING BUGGY

May 8, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will make and play a buggy matching game. They will also construct and learn to use a balancing bug. Register.

SHH! LISTEN

May 15, Tues. at 3:30pm It's a wrap! School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, can come and watch the *Ben and Me* film and eat some popcorn and drink lemonade.

UBBLES

May 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm Bubbleman Keith Evans will be here to share the mysterious science of bubbles with children of all ages. Register.

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THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

May 26, Sat. at 10:30am Young adults, 11 to 15 year olds, who would like to learn about volunteering at the library should join us for this program. New and returning volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

CHESS

May 3 & 17, Thurs. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

MORE COMICS, PLEASE

May 5, Sat. at 1pm In celebration of *Free Comic Book Day*, the library will host a movie marathon of films based on comic books or a graphic novel. This program for teens, 11 years and older, also provides an opportunity to bring comic books to exchange; several will win a new comic book or graphic novel of their choice. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

SNACK & PLAN

May 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR – CELEBRATING MOMMIES!

May 8, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate Mommies with stories, rhymes and music activities.

BOOKS & BABIES

May 15, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, birth to age 2, accompanied by a parent/care giver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short story books and music activities.

A MOVING CELEBRATION

May 21, Mon. at 6:30pm Everyone is invited to celebrate the one year anniversary of the new library with lots of moving with stories and songs. They will also show off how well they know the new library as they go on a scavenger hunt throughout the new building. They will finish the fun with ice cream sundaes for all!

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS MEETING

May 24, Thurs. at 4pm Interested teens, ages 11 to 15, who plan to volunteer at the library during the summer should attend this meeting. Discussion will include volunteer guidelines and duties. Teens should bring a calendar, as summer program sign-up sheets will circulate. Everyone who volunteers must have a volunteer application (available at the library) with parental permission on file. For more information, call 374-7121.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BUSY BEES MOTHERS & OTHERS

May 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Moms, dads, and other family members will be featured during this story hour for 3 to 5 year olds. Register.

TODDLERS' FAMILY FUN

May 7, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds, accompanied by their caregivers, will enjoy stories about various family members and sing active songs. Register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

May 10, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B., and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 29 & June 5, Tues. at 7pm Students who are interested in joining the Youth Volunteer Program this summer must attend ONE of these informational meetings and fill out an application. Arrangements must be made before the meetings if you are unable to attend. (This is the only opportunity to get a volunteer application).

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

MOTHER'S DAY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

May 8, Tues. at 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories, songs, finger plays, and make a craft. Please register.

MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

May 10, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear stories and make a Mother's Day craft. Please register.

TODDLER TIME

May 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 24 to 35 months old, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, songs, finger plays and make a simple craft. Please register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

CELEBRATE SPRING

May 11, Fri. at 3:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, are invited to enjoy a spring movie. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

May 16, Wed. at 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate spring with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Register.

TIP TOP TWO'S

May 18, Fri. at 10:30am Join in on a lap-sit story time for 18 to 35 month old children accompanied by an adult caregiver. Included will be stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

FAMILY STORY TIME

May 10, Thurs. at 6pm Spring story time for children of all ages will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

READING BUDDIES

May 4, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Only one session will be held this month. Stories, songs, and rhymes are included in the story hour. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend. The AADC is located at 1101 Park Drive, Munster.

TERRIFIC 2'S & 3'S

May 7, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Mom the focus for this final gathering before summer. The program will include stories, music, a craft and other activities.

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will observe Memorial Day closings, Monday, May 28th.

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FANTASTIC 4'S & 5'S

May 8, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to our final story time before summer. The program will include stories, music, and a special craft to give to Mom.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

May 9, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to join our last Mother Goose session for the season with rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. Sessions will begin again in August. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 24, Thurs. at 4pm Students who will be completing 4th grade or higher are invited to be a summer reading volunteer. Attendees will need to bring their summer schedule to this mandatory meeting. A parent must also be present to sign a volunteer application. After the meeting, attendees will be able to sign up for hours within the first two weeks of the schedule. You must attend the meeting to volunteer. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please call Brittany. Volunteer sign-ups will not be taken after June 8th.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

FLUTTERING BUTTERFLIES

May 1, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about beautiful butterflies and make a simple craft.

FLUSHED AWAY–THE MOVIE

May 12, Sat. at 2pm School age children in 5th grade and older will watch *Flushed Away,* which is about an uptown rat that gets flushed down the toilet from his penthouse apartment, ending in the sewers of London, where he has to learn a whole new life. This 84 minute film is rated PG. Register.

STAMP IT

May 19, Sat. at 10am Join professional stamper Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan, as she demonstrates 3 projects that can be stamped by children 8 years old and up. There is a $3 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, which is due at the time of the class. Registration required.

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

May 29, Tues. at 6:30pm or June 2, Sat. at 10am Students who would like to help with the Summer Reading Program must attend one of two informational meetings. To qualify, students must be 11 years of age or older by the end of August. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

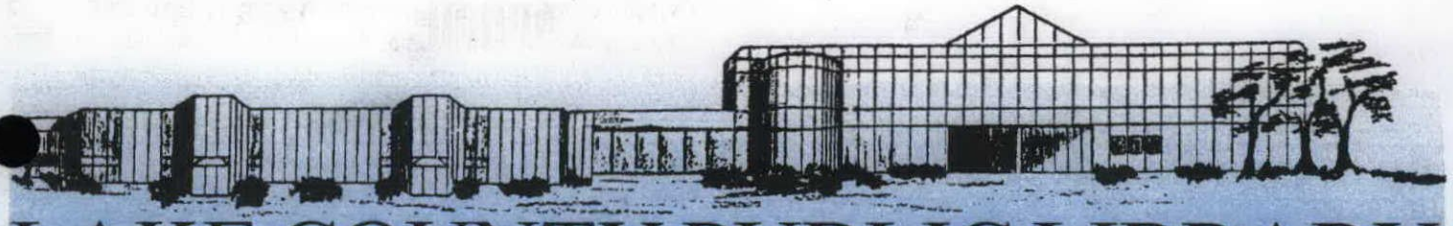
May 8 or 9, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Preschool age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories about families, musical activities, finger plays, and will make a Mother's Day craft. Registration is required.

MOMMY & ME

May 12, Sat. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will celebrate Mother's Day by joining Stampin'Up Consultant Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan as she demonstrates holiday projects. There is a $5 fee per child to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the program. Registration is required.

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 30 or June 2, Wed. at 6:30pm or Sat. at 1pm Youngsters who would like to help with the Summer Reading Program must attend one of two informational meetings. To qualify, you must be 11 years old or older by the end of August 2007 and have a Lake County Public Library card in good standing. Parents are also encouraged to attend. Registration is not required but encouraged.



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SUMMER READING @ YOUR LIBRARY

Reading is a great pastime any time of the year, but Lake County Public Library is celebrating reading this summer with programs for readers of all ages: children, teens, and adults.

This year's reading programs are using a mystery theme and run from June 4 to July 28th. Librarians have honed their sleuthing skills and uncovered some exciting reading prizes. So dust off your Sherlock Holmes hats, monocles, and magnifying glasses and join the fun.

CHILDREN - "GET A CLUE"

Children will earn prizes for keeping up with their reading in the 2007 Summer Reading Program "Get a Clue @ Your Library."

Themed programs will include mysteries, magic tricks, puzzles, and crime investigations. There are large-audience programs with guest presenters and small-audience programs of story hours and craft sessions. Each branch will have its programs listed in printed brochures, and pre-registration is usually a must.

The reading portion of the children's program will let kids choose a small prize for every five library books read. Kids are encouraged to read books at their own grade level, but making reading a fun part of summer activities is the library's goal.

Pre-readers and toddlers can earn prizes for the books their parents or caregivers read to them, so all ages can get involved!

TEENS - "GET A CLUE"

Teens and preteens just might want to participate in this year's annual Teen Summer Reading Program. For every 100 pages read, simply complete an entry slip with your name, phone number, and book or magazine title. At the end of each week, two winners will be chosen at each branch. Visit more than one branch? Then drop off entries at each library you visit. You just can't enter the same title twice. Prizes include inflatable chairs, disco lights, gift cards to local restaurants, and more. Best of all, 12 lucky grand prize winners will receive portable DVD players!

ADULTS - "MYSTERIES SOLVED"

"Mysteries Solved @ Your Library" is a summer reading program for adults which offers two opportunities for participants to enrich their lives. The first is in taking the time to indulge in a good book. It is a mini-vacation when we pour a cool drink, put our feet up and get lost in a story.

Secondly, adults may enter a drawing for prizes each time a Lake County Public Library book is read (audio books included). Everyone has a chance to win various weekly prizes, including bookstore gift certificates and one of two grand prizes! The Bennett-Curtis House, located just across the border in Grant Park, Illinois, has generously donated a Mystery Dinner Show for two at their restaurant in a Victorian mansion. The other grand prize is an overnight stay and two tickets for dinner and the Murder Mystery Show at Pheasant Run Resort and Spa in St. Charles, Illinois.

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Children, teens, and adults... make sure to be in on the "plot" to read and win prizes during Summer Reading @ your library

June 4- July 28.

Entry forms are available on the library's website at www.lakeco.lib.in.us and at your local library.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

ADULT SUMMER READING

June and July: "Mysteries Solved @ Your Library" is the theme for the adult summer reading program. Adult readers (18 and older) may enter a drawing for a chance to win one of two grand prizes. First prize is a Mystery Dinner Show for two in a Victorian mansion generously donated by The Bennett-Curtis House. Second grand prize is overnight lodging and two tickets for the Dinner/Murder Mystery Show at the Pheasant Run Resort and Spa in St. Charles, IL. Every time a Lake County Public Library book is read and returned between these two dates, the reader may enter the drawing for various weekly prizes, bookstore gift certificates, and one of the grand prizes. Audio books are also eligible for entry.

BOOKreMARKS

June: In *Monkeewrench* by P. J. Tracy, a serial killer stages a series of exotic murders that duplicate those in a grisly new video game. This police procedural/thriller is reported to have an accelerating, unpredictable plot, an array of well-drawn characters, and witty repartee. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

June 5, Tues. from 10am to 11:30am This is a free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly class should be taken prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE & DEMENTIA

June 5, Tues. from Noon to 1:30pm This free monthly informational and interactive session will focus on advanced topics with regard to caring for individuals with progressive dementia. topics will include such things as handling behavior/communication changes, assisting with activities of daily living (i.e. bathing, dressing), planning of activities, and addressing difficult transitions (loss of driving for example). The introduction class should be taken prior to attending this class. Register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

BLOOD PRESSURE

June 6, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library

readers@lakeco.in.us

LET'S TRAVEL TO: **THE POLAR REGIONS**
In celebration of the International Polar Year

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

June 6, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. Register May 15th at ext. 346.

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

June 8, Fri. at 9:30am It's time to get ready for those balmy months as Starr Stoces presents "Decorating for the Summer Season," a program co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

June 13, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines as well as the library's own website. Register May 15th at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS

June 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to discuss *Lipstick Jihad: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America and American in Iran* by Azadeh Moaveni. This is an intriguing and informative account of the modern reality of Iran as seen by a young American-born Iranian woman. Feeling caught between two worlds in the U.S., Movanei traveled to Tehran to learn more about her roots. What she found was not at all what she expected, and her experiences may surprise her readers, too! Register at ext. 340.

JAZZ PIANO

June 18, Mon. at 6:30pm Come and enjoy an evening full of enticing jazz music on the piano by Indianapolis musician David Hepler. Refreshments will be served. Register by calling ext. 317.

GARDENING

June 19, Tues. at 7pm Master Gardener Carol Kutcka will discuss *Hypertufa: Make Your Own Planters*. Hypertufa is the procedure using artificial stone and Portland cement to create whimsical garden art objects. It is a relatively simple process requiring a minimal amount of ingredients and tools. This has become popular for making garden ornaments, pots and land forms. Call ext. 317 to register.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

June 20, Wed. from 1pm to 6pm Every two seconds, someone, somewhere requires a blood transfusion to survive. With just a pint of blood donated, you can actually save up to three lives. Make the decision to rescue others by donating blood on this day. It is a quick and easy process – with a free t-shirt for all donors. Prior to the blood drive, you can pick up a blood donor pledge card at the library to set an appointment that best fits your schedule. Walk-ins are welcome, of course! For further details, call ext. 315.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

June 20, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence either in the library or from your home or office. Register by May 15th at ext. 346.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

June 27, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Register by May 15th at ext. 346.

Ask a librarian

Q: I have been hearing about the Airbus A380. It is suppose to be the world's biggest passenger aircraft. This reminds me of Howard Hughes and his team of engineers who designed a flying "boat" during World War II. How big was Hughes plane, and where is this plane today?

A: With eight 3,000 horsepower engines and wings 20 feet longer than a football field, the "Spruce Goose" was designed to move 750 troops across the Atlantic without fear of the German U-boats. One of the most unique aspects of the "Spruce Goose" was its wooden construction. Workers used the Duramold process of permeating a series of thin wood laminations with plastic glue to create a design that was stronger than aluminum. The war ended before the plane was fully ready for flight, but on November 2, 1947, Howard Hughes flew the gigantic craft for over a mile proving that his design had been successful. After this short flight, the "Spruce Goose" remained in its special custom built hangar until the death of Hughes. Now, the "Spruce Goose" is the centerpiece of the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Oregon.

Robison, Anthony. et. al. *Hughes Air Empire. The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Aviation.* v.11. New York: Marshall Cavendish, 1979.

Aircraft and Artifacts Evergreen Aviation Museum 2004. 12 April 2007 <www.sprucegoose.org/aircraft_airtifacts/exhibits.html>.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 11, Mon. at 12:30pm Determined to clear her late husband's name after police brass claim his shooting death was the result of his involvement in drug running, Joanna Brady attempts to find his killers. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Desert Heat* by J. A. Jance.

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 25, Wed. at 6:30pm *Dance with Me* is a poignant tale written by veteran romance writer Luanne Rice. The owner of a trendy New York City bakery, Jane Porter returns to her native rural Rhode Island to help care for her ailing mother. At the same time neighbor Dylan Chadwick abandons his career as a New York based federal law enforcement agent and moves back home. Both are scarred by life's heavy blows. Their story is a mix of family strife, juvenile impetuosity and misunderstood motives. Heartbreak gives way to love, keeping the reader engaged as the sparks fly.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

June 4, Mon. from 6pm-7:30pm or June 5, Tues. from 10:30am-Noon or June 9, Sat. from 10am-11:30am This is a Mouse Basics class for people with little or no computer skills. You will concentrate on efficiently moving and "clicking" the mouse, and learn the important parts of the keyboard. Space is limited, so be sure to register for the class that best meets your schedule. Registration begins May 21.

SCRABBLE CLUB

June 6, Mon., June 11, 18, Wed. all at 1pm Do you enjoy playing the game of Scrabble? Adults are invited to join us for our recently organized weekly gathering of scrabble players. It's a great way to spend a couple of hours with others for some mentally challenging fun on a summer afternoon. Call Bob Mele for additional information at 838-2825.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

June 9, Sat. from 1pm-3pm or June 11, Mon. from 6pm-8pm or June 12, Tues. from 10:30am-12:30pm Basic Windows training will enable you to use computers at the library or at home. You will use the mouse, open and close programs, learn how to "minimize," and more. Space is limited, so be sure to register for the class that best meets your schedule. Registration begins May 21.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

June 9, Sat. from 3:30pm-5pm or June 18, Mon. from 6pm-7:30pm or June 19, Tues. from 10:30am-Noon Learn what can be found on the internet and how you can find information on the Web through search engines. Knowledge of Basic Windows is required. Space is limited, so be sure to register that best meets your schedule. Registration begins May 21.

STAMP CAMP

June 13, Wed. at 6:30pm Are you ready for Father's Day? Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan from Stampin'Up has some ideas for that special Dad and other events coming up during the month of June. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided. Registration is required.

DIGGING FOR ROOTS-GENEALOGY RESOURCES

June 14, Thurs. at 6pmor June 15, Fri, June 23, Sat. both at 10:30am Presented is a genealogy class featuring information about America's fastest growing hobby. The genealogy class will introduce online and book resources, including census, obituary, cemetery, military records, and ship's manifests. Each participant will have a computer available and time to actually do some research. Join us to find out what's available through the Lake County Public Library and have some fun doing it! Class size is limited, so be sure to register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 20, Wed. at 7pm A young woman's journey to Palestine in the wake of World War II stands at the center of this novel of the

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birth of Israel. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel, *When I Lived in Modern Times* by Linda Grant.

GRIFFITH GAB

June 25, Mon. at 1pm In the golden age of talk therapy (1950s & 60s), psychotherapists saw no limit to what they could do. Believing they had already explained the origins of war, homosexuality, anti-Semitism, and a host of neurotic ailments, they set out to conquer one of mankind's oldest and fiercest foes, mental illness. Join us for a discussion of veteran science writer Edward Dolnick's tragic story of that confrontation in *Madness on the Couch: Blaming the Victim in the Heyday of Psychoanalysis.*

COMPUTER CLASS: EZ EMAIL

June 25, Mon. from 6pm-7:30pm or June 26, Tues. from 10:30am-Noon Get started using a free web-based email. If you don't already have an email address, we'll sign up for a free account on Yahoo. Then we'll cover sending, receiving, reading, replying, forwarding emails. Space is limited, so be sure to register that best meets your schedule. Registration begins June 11.

COMPUTER CLASS: HELP DESK

June 27, Wed. from 5:30pm-8pm Help with basic Windows, Word, Excel, Email, Internet, Library Catalog is being offered in this program. I'm a gadget-freak librarian, not a computer expert, but I've been using computers for 20 years and have made most of the mistakes you come up against. Registration begins June 11.

Staff Recommends

Japanland: A Year in Search of Wa by Karin Muller

"By immersing herself in Japanese life and culture, living with a host family, and perfecting her Judo training, the author believes she can become part of Japanese society in one year. Her Japanese friends say "Won't happen." Find out if she even comes close and be entertained along the way."

DB/Reference

The Prison Angel: Mother Antonia's Journey from Beverly Hills to a Life of Service in a Mexican Jail

by Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan

"This inspirational story demonstrates the power of one committed person to make a difference."

MG/Reference

Caught Stealing by Charlie Huston

"Henry (Hank) Thompson thought he'd spend his life playing pro baseball, but life has a funny way of kicking you in the pants. Now he's a bartender in New York City with a drinking problem and bad feet and his neighbor just asked him to watch his cat. Sounds pretty mundane, right? Next thing Hank knows he's having a kidney removed, running from a crooked NYC cop, the Russian Mafia, a couple of crazy killer brothers and everyone around him is dying. All because he did his neighbor a favor. The first book in a terrific trilogy; I was on the edge of my seat the whole time."

SEM/Circulation

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SNACK & PLAN

June 4, Mon. at 4pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older) will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

SCRAP BOOKING

June 6, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer. Refreshments will be served. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of the materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING

June 11 & 18, Mon. from 1pm to 4:45pm Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will learn to care for infants and young children, to make decisions in emergency situatins, and keep themselves and children safe. Both classes must be attended in order to receive a certificate. There is a $25 fee that must be paid at the time of registration.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

June 12, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore the history of the ancient stone monument, Stonehenge, while learning the probable uses of the monument by ancient religions and ancestor worship. They will also see how it compares to similar monuments and traditions, including modern day stone worship in Madagascar. Refreshments will be served.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

June 13, Wed. at 3pm In this Teen program (11 and older), genders will compete via a scavenger hunt to answer questions that will lead to the clues needed to win. Survivor-style games will be played, including a reward challenge and an immunity challenge. The winning team will earn a trophy to display in the library; everyone will win prizes. Snacks & drinks will be provided.

BOOKS & CHAT

June 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *No Country for Old Men* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Cormac McCarthy. This action packed novel explodes the battle between good and evil and the roles of choice and chance in shaping a life. Llewlyn Moss, Vietnam vet, comes upon several dead men, heroin, and $2.4 million in cash while hunting. Although he knows it's wrong, he takes the money and then races to elude law enforcement and the murderers, who want it all back.

AMAZING MAZES, TREMENDOUS TREASURES

June 25, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will explore mazes and puzzles when they help make a giant library maze and then walk through it. They will put together puzzles to find clues to hidden treasure. They will hear stories about mazes and puzzles, create their own story, and make puzzles to take home.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

June 26, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy an information packed program that brings home all the history, culture, and grand attractions that South America has to offer.

Highland Branch

[illegible] Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
[illegible]-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY FILM: *MR. ENTERTAINMENT*

June 4, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch this film which presents Sammy Davis Jr.'s career from his days in the Will Mastin Trio, through Broadway musicals and Hollywood roles with the "Rat Pack."

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION-ON MONDAY

June 11, Mon. at 2pm Class struggle and family tensions explode in *An Unfinished Season* by Ward Just. This novel of life in 1950 suburban Chicago is the story of a teenager who watches his father's psyche crumble in the wake of union problems and marital strife. Copies of the book are available for checkout beginning May 8th. Note: the date has been change from the regular Tuesday to Monday to accommodate children's summer reading programs.

LEARN HOW TO USE YOUR SEWING MACHINE

June 11, Mon. & June 19, Tues. at 6:30pm Joanna Smith will show you how to use your sewing machine to make a simple purse. Participants are asked to bring their own portable sewing machine, ½ yard of medium to heavyweight fabric, ½ yard of cotton material, thread, scissors and a bobbin. Participants will meet begin on the 11th and finish on the 19th. Register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

[illegible]ne 13, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice [illegible] provide free blood pressure screening.

CROSSROADS MORNING HOUR

June 14, Thurs. at 10:30am Ray Alexander of the National Sojourner's organization will answer such questions as why the stars on our flag have only five points, or why the stripes alternate red-white-red, and why it is called "Old Glory."

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

June 18, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we explore the sights of Virginia touring Jamestown, the Shenandoah Valley and the Rex Theater in Galax. We will also enjoy the music of the rural hill people. Refreshments will be served. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

June 25, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm View the classic Hitchcock thriller, *Strangers on a Train*, as two men who meet on a train and agree to exchange murders in order to eliminate motive and suspicion. Refreshments will be served. Register.

STAMP CAMP

June 27, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin' Up consultant Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of materials supplied to all participating. Registration is required.

[illegible]STERY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 28, Thurs. at 7pm Sarasota attorney, Lillian Belle Cleary becomes embroiled in the investigation into the murder of a firm partner in *Wildcat Wine* by Claire Matturo. Copies of the book will be available for checkout beginning May 24th.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

June 12, Tues. from 10am to Noon An introductory computer class which teaches participants how to hold, move and click a mouse, as well as review essential parts of a computer including common terminology. Register.

THE MURDER OF MR. HUGHES

June 13, Wed. at 2pm Teens (11 and older) can try their skills as a

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Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

JACQUES COUSTEAU

As we begin this season of holiday trips on or near the water, it is fitting that we remember Jacques Cousteau, who made the wonders of the deep come alive for millions through his books, including ***The Silent World*** and ***The Living Sea***; films, for which he won three Academy Awards; and television programs, including the popular series ***Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau.*** In 1943 he co-invented the aqualung, an underwater breathing device which made this silent world visible to legions of divers. After 1951, he explored the oceans in his research ship *Calypso,* which John Denver memorialized in his 1975 song of the same name. In 1960, he joined with Prince Rainier of Monaco in a successful effort to thwart France's plan to dump radioactive wastes into the Mediterranean Sea. In his later years he devoted himself to educating the public about environmental issues and, through the Cousteau Foundation founded in 1973, to furthering marine research and exploration. Jacques Cousteau, the world's most famous undersea adventurer and a legend in his own time, was born in France on June 11, 1910, and died June 25, 1997.

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Jacques Cousteau will be found on the Upper Level during the month of June.

Cousteau: An Unauthorized Biography by Axel Madsen (B COU MADS)

Cousteau, the Captain and His World by Richard Munson (B COU MUNS)

Captain Cousteau's Underwater Treasury, ed. by Jacques Cousteau and James Dugan (910.4 COUS)

Jacques-Yves Cousteau: Exploring the Wonders of the Deep by Lois Markham (B COU MARK)

The Silent World by J. Y. Cousteau (574.92 COUS)

The Ocean World of Jacques Cousteau by Jacques Yves Cousteau (574.92 COUS)

detective, a virtual detective that is, to solve a violent murder case. Was it a woman? The blonde or redhead? Or was it the guy seen wandering in front of the house the night of the murder? Discover the clues to find out for yourself. Participants must register and have internet use approval on their card.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

June 19, Tues. from 10am to Noon This computer class is the next step for beginning computer users. Participants will learn about the keyboard, the Windows set-up, word processing, and finding help. Attendance is limited. Register.

BOOKS & CHAT

June 19, Tues. at 2pm The Romanovs are arguable second only to Jack the Ripper as objects of literary speculation. Robert Alexander's *The Kitchen Boy* is narrated by 94 year old Mikhail Semyanov, a Russian immigrant now living in the Chicago suburbs, who may or may not be the actual kitchen boy, the only witness of what may have transpired at the horrific execution of the last Russian tsar, Nicholas II, and his family in this amazing fictional account. Be prepared for a fascinating mystery with one final jaw-dropping and satisfying twist. Please register.

FANTASY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 20, Wed. at 2pm Just before Tally and Shays 16th birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Shay runs away. Tally must find her and turn her in or never become pretty at all. Scott Westerfield spins a fast paced book in *Uglies* that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the last page. Join us for lively discussion and refreshments.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 21, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Merry Miller Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

RUNESCAPE QUEST

June 26, Tues. from 2pm to 4pm Teen fans of Runescape will have an opportunity to play uninterrupted during this 2 hour session. Players must pre-register as space is limited and have internet approval on their library card.

TEEN BOOK CHAT & MOVIE

June 27, Wed. from 2pm to 4pm Teen fashionistas will enjoy a fun filled afternoon watching the movie *The Devil Wears Prada* (PG13) starring Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway. We will also munch on popcorn and compare the book to the movie. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk for checkout. Register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

June 28, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Registration is required.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

QUILTING BEE

June 1 & 15, Fri. from Noon to 5pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 8, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm*

Call the **New Chicago Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

ATTRACTING BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES TO YOUR GARDEN

June 13, Wed. at 7pm Anna Barnes, Master Gardener, will discuss methods and gardening tips used to attract birds and butterflies to your garden.

LOOKING FORWARD

June 14, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm Join Town Manager Tom DeGiulio as he looks at some of the exciting possibilities for the future of Munster. This program will include a presentation on Centennial Park, transit-related developments, redevelopment of existing areas, as well as new public facilities. Be prepared to share some of your own ideas about Munster's future growth and improvement. This is the final program for the Munster Centennial Speaker Series. Register by calling the library.

EXPLORE JAPAN

June 21, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Travel to Japan and explore the traditions and pageantry that are inseparable from everyday life in Japan. Witness Sumo wrestlers in training, mingle with the crowds in the Asakusa temple, participate in a wedding ceremony at the Meiji Shrine, and visit other famous gardens, parks and beautiful temples.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

June 22, Fri. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Fugitive Pieces* by Anne Michaels. The author's lyrical tale revolves around the life of a young Polish Jew, Jakob Beer, who, after witnessing the murder of his parents, is miraculously rescued by Athos, a Greek geologist.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 28, Thurs. 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

June 28, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The City of God* by St. Augustine, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

NOT AT A THEATER NEAR YOU – INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

June 4, Mon. at 1pm *Monster Thursday* begins with Evan serving as the best man at his ex-wife's wedding. But when Karen's new husband is called away on business, Evan tries to win Karen back – by learning how to surf. This film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Runtime: 103 minutes. Norwegian film with English subtitles. Refreshments will be served.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

June 5, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

June 20, Wed. at 7pm Cruise the historic Champlain Canal from Albany, NY northward to Lake Champlain in a one hour travel video. Refreshments will be provided.

STAMPIN' UP STAMP CAMP

June 26, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided. Please register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

June 27 or 28, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Readers will delve into the relationships of the founding fathers as they struggled to integrate their different ideas for a new nation in *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation* by Joseph Ellis.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

June 12, Tues. at 10:15am Twins Niles and Holland live in an idyllic New England small town. In Thomas Tryon's mystery, *The Other*, discover how their family is shattered by a series of tragic "mishaps."

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

June 12, Tues. at 1:30pm Discovered while working at an army defense plant, Norma Jeanne Baker quickly became Fox Studio's biggest box-office draw. Learn more about the life of Marilyn Monroe in this video biography. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

KIDS' BEDROOMS

June 13, Wed. at 6:30pm Interior Decorator Cathi Lloyd (Interiors by Decorating Den, will use before and after slides to illustrate techniques to make over bedrooms for kids and teens. Register by calling the library.

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Lakeshore Public Television

Lakeshore Public Television broadcasts to 14 counties in Indiana and Illinois, reaching thousands of people in rural areas, small towns, and major cities. Producing over 300 hours annually, a variety of programming includes weather, sports programming (including college basketball games), and public affairs shows. It also features Northwest Indiana's only local newscast, Lakeshore News Tonight.

READ-A-THON WINNERS!

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the 23rd Annual Read-a-Thon. The program was a rousing success and a boost to literacy involving more then 1,100 youngsters reading a tremendous number of books in the Lake County Public Library districts.

Special accolades to this year's winners from each library branch:

Brendon Fox	Griffith Branch	Beiriger Elementary School
Hanna McDaniel	Lake Station Branch	Polk Elementary School
Jenna Rifai	Central Library	Avicenna Academy
Nicholas Larson	Munster Branch	Elliott Elementary School
Molly Rodgers	Black Oak Branch	Grissom Elementary School
Alexandria Dado	Highland Branch	Warren Elementary School
Amber Nelson	Hobart Branch	George Earle Elementary School
Sami Hmurovich	Dyer-Schererville Branch	Peifer Elementary School
Zackery Farrar	Forty First Street Branch	Hosford Park Elementary Scho
Morgan McKinney	Cedar Lake Branch	Jane Ball Elementary School
Melissa Mores	New Chicago Branch	Meister Elementary School

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PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

June 4, 11, 18, 25, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will enjoy programs featuring stories, music activities, short films and crafts. Register at ext. 360 for each session you plan to attend.

SUMMER READING OPEN HOUSE

June 7, Thurs. from 4pm to 5pm Summer reading fun begins. Children of all ages (5 and under accompanied by an adult) can come to listen to a tale and start their "Get a Clue" summer adventure. Register at ext. 360.

DIG IT UP

June 12, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, ages 6 through 11, will discover mysteries of ancient creatures that roamed the earth before man. Stories, crafts, and activities will help put the pieces together. Register at ext. 360.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 13, 20, & 27, Wed. at 10am or 11am Infants and toddlers, ages 6 to 36 months old, along with a caregiver, will enjoy a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays and stories. Register at ext. 360 for each session you plan to attend.

PAW POWER BLUES DOG CLUB

June 14, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages (5 and under accompanied by an adult) will be introduced to the world of dogs by local dogs and their owners. Register at ext. 360.

URBAN LEGENDS

June 19, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children (have completed Kindergarten to 4th grade) will listen to urban legends, old and new, and decide which ones are fact and which are fiction. Legends are always passed along by "a friend of a friend" (FOAF). Some are creepy, some are silly, and some are really gross. The children will have a chance to tell some of their own, too! Register at ext. 360.

THE TELL-TALE HEART

June 20, Wed. at 2pm Youngsters, ages 10 to 14, will hear from the ghastly, ghoulish mysteries of Edgar Allan Poe and will play games and make a project. Register at ext. 360.

PUPPET TIME

June 21, Thurs. at 2pm All children (5 and under accompanied by an adult) are invited to *The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*, the opening act for *Henny Penny and Her Friends*. Other puppet skits will round out this show. Register at ext. 360.

GAME DAY

June 26, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children (having completed Kindergarten through 4th grade) will play a variety of games, listen to stories and view a short video. Register at ext. 360.

F.B.I.–INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

June 28, Thurs. at 2pm The Merrillville office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will present the real scoop on solving crimes. Agents will demonstrate how to take fingerprints and DNA samples for children of all ages (5 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Register at ext. 360.

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Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

SOMETHING FISHY

June 12, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will find out what's fishy in this program. Register.

WHAT'S IN IT?

June 14, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, are invited to use their senses to solve a few food mysteries. Register.

WHAT'S IN THAT PILE OF GARBAGE?

June 21, Thurs. at 1pm Children, ages 4 and older, will explore the mystery of the disappearing garbage. Register.

LEADER DOGS

June 26, Tues. at 2pm Kids of all ages are invited to visit with Lyn Kimble of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Lynn will have a couple of her furry friends with her as she talks about these very special animals. Children under 3 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

FINGERPRINT FUN

June 28, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will learn about finger prints. They will also learn to draw pictures using the finger prints. Register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

SUMMER READING BEGINS WITH PUZZLE PIECES

June 7, Thurs. at 2pm Children ages 3 and older will find out what they can make with a puzzle piece as we kick-off our summer reading program. Register.

WHO STOLE THE COOKIES?

June 11, Mon. at 2pm We will make an ID badge and learn how to lift a fingerprint and solve a sweet mystery. Children under 5 years of age will need adult help. Register.

RONALD MCDONALD

June 13, Wed. at 2pm Ronald McDonald will be stopping by the 41st Avenue Library and he hopes that children of all ages will come and read with him. Register.

FINGERPRINT CASEBOOK

June 18, Mon. at 2pm Children of all ages can come into the library and use their fingerprints to create a casebook. Register.

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

June 20, 27, Wed. at 2pm Children are invited to view two great animated films: *Over the Hedge* on June 20, and *The Great Mouse Detective* on June 27.

INVISIBLE INK

June 25, Mon. at 2pm Write with invisible ink that you will make yourself in a "now you see it–now you don't" program. Register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

June 7, Thurs. at 2pm Summer reading begins with your receiving your ID badge, a casebook and an opportunity to solve a sweet mystery. Please bring a 5"x 7" notebook to the program. Children under 3 years of age will need adult help. Register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 11, 18, 25, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, (6 to 35 months of age), accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this lap-sit program for the very young with rhymes and rhythms from Mother Goose. Themes will be finger wiggling, dinosaurs, and summer. Register.

TIE- DYE T-SHIRTS

June 12, Tues. at 6:30pm Young adults, 11 to 15 years of age, can come in to tie-dye a t-shirt, then return on Friday or Saturday to attach a YNK transfer to finish their shirt. Register.

FINGERPRINT MONKEY

June 13, Wed. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will turn fingerprints into monkeys. Register.

FINGERPRINT CASEBOOK

June 14, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will use their fingerprints to make a casebook. Register.

SOAP SCULPTURE

June 19, Tues. at 6:30pm Young adults, 11 to 15 year olds, will learn how to create a soap sculpture of an Easter Island celebrity. Register.

DINOSAUR EGG

June 20, Wed. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will color a dinosaur and put it back in its egg. Register.

SCRATCHING FOR DINOSAURS

June 21, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will go scratching for colorful dinosaurs. Register.

BASIL OF BAKER STREET

June 22, Fri. at 2pm Children of all ages can read *Basil of Baker Street* by Eve Titus as they learn more about the mystery. Then it's time to watch the animated film *The Great Mouse Detective,* which is based on the series of this author. Register.

INVISIBLE INK

June 26, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens, 11 to 15 year olds, will be experimenting with invisible ink formulas. Register.

I SPY

June 27, Wed. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will play a game of *I Spy* and make a picture puzzle to take home. Register.

I.C.U.

June 28, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will attempt to find the invisible writing – using invisible ink. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

June 4, Mon. at 4pm Members of the Teen Advisory Board, and those 12 and older wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

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BOOKIN' WITH RONALD

June 6, Wed. at 2pm Ronald McDonald will be at the library to kick-off summer reading with magic tricks, puppets and stories.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

June 13, Wed. at 3pm Genders will compete in a scavenger hunt to answer questions that will lead to the clues needed to win. Survivor-style games will be played, including a reward challenge and an immunity challenge. The winning team will earn a trophy to display in the library; everyone will win prizes. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION

June 11 & 18, Mon. from 1pm to 4:45pm each day Teens, ages 11 to 15, will learn to care for infants and young children, to make decisions in emergency situations, and keep themselves and children safe. Both classes must be attended in order to receive a certificate. There is a $25 fee due at the time of registration.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

June 12, 19, 26, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy summer programs featuring stories, music activities, short films and crafts.

TODDLER TIME

June 14, 18, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

IT'S A MYSTERY!

June 14, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will try to identify the flavors of Jelly Belly jelly beans and enjoy other mystery games and activities.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

June 21, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will head outside for whiffle ball batting practice. Afterwards, refreshments and other related activities will take place indoors. Children will visit with a special guest, Rusty the Railcat. Rusty will autograph items the children bring, such as hats or baseballs.

PUPPET THEATER EXTRAVAGANZA

June 23, Sat. at 2pm Participants will enjoy puppet shows of a fairy tale and a story about Peter Rabbit. They will choose a variety of crafts to create for themselves.

AMAZING MAZES, TREMENDOUS TREASURES & MORE

June 25, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will explore mazes and puzzles when helping to make a giant library maze and find their way through it. They will put together puzzles to find clues to hidden treasure. They will hear stories about mazes and puzzles, create their own story, and make puzzles to take home.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN

June 28, Thurs. at 2pm It's time to prepare for the 4th of July as school age children, 6 to 10 year olds, enjoy stories, crafts and other activities.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

TODDLERS: SUMMERTIME FUN

June 4, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers (2 year olds) and their care gives will hear stories about summertime fun during this half hour lap-sit story time. Registration required.

VOLUNTEER MEETING

June 5, Tues. at 7pm Students, 4th grade and up, who would like to join the Youth Volunteer Program this summer must attend this last informational meeting and fill out an application. Arrangements must be made before the meeting if you are unable to attend. This is the only opportunity for a volunteer application.

SUMMER READING OPEN HOUSE

June 7, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm You can "Get a Clue @ your Library" and start your summer fun at the library's annual Summer Reading Open House. Enjoy stories, refreshments, and games as we begin the fun.

BROWN BAG MOVIES: *CURIOUS GEORGE*

June 8, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring your lunch and a drink (we will provide the popcorn) and enjoy the many adventures of the curious little monkey in the big city. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

WRITERS' WORK SHOP

June 9 & 16, Sat. from 10am to Noon Teens and Tweens (grades 5 through 12), unlock the hidden writer in you, poetry or prose. This workshop will help you start your writing projects, polish projects you already have, and learn some of the tricks of the trade that will help you get published. Workshop will be conducted by Rachel Slager. Register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 12 & 26, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers (6 to 35 months of age), along with their caregivers, will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities and more. Register.

STRANGER DANGER

June 12, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm Join the Sherriff's department for Stranger Danger and what clues you should look for to keep yourself safe. ID cards will be created for the children in attendance. Register.

BUSY BEES: GUESS WHO?

June 13, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children (3 to 5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten), will sharpen their observation and thinking skills with stories and activities that involve guessing. Register.

TRADING SPACES – LOCKER & BEDROOM EDITION

June 14, Thurs. at 1:30pm School age children, who have completed 4th grade and up, will make fun stuff to use in their locker or bedroom, such as a disco ball, glitter dome, picture frames, origami rings, banners, and a milk carton mouse pencil holder. Register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

June 14, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), and those wishing to join and are in grades 7 through 12, will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time. Register

BROWN BAG MOVIES: *FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER*

June 15, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring your lunch and a drink (we will provide the popcorn) and watch two runaway children hide in the Metropolitan museum of Art and try to solve the mystery of a statue of an angel on the library's big screen. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register.

TODDLERS: COOKIES! YUM, YUM!

June 18, Mon. at 10:30am Cookies will be featured during this story time for 2 year olds accompanied by their care givers. Register.

FINGERPRINT FUN

June 19, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm School age children (Kindergarten through 4th grade) can join the Highland Police Department as they talk to us about matching fingerprints. Have your fingerprints taken and make a "fingerprint picture" to take home. Register.

BUSY BEES: *WHO STOLE THE COOKIES?*

June 20, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school sleuths (3 to 5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten), will guess who stole the cookies from the cookie jar after listening to stories and participating in related activities. Register.

FORENSIC FASCINATION

June 21, Thurs. at 1:30pm School age children, who have completed 4th grade and up, will help "finger a thief" by working, hands-on with fingerprint evidence. A forensic feast will follow. Register.

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TEEN GAME NIGHT

June 21, Thurs. from 6pm to 8pm Teens (grades 7 through 12) with their own Lake County Public Library card may bring a friend to play *Guitar Hero, DDR*, or *Mario Kart*, and board games such as *80's Trivial Pursuit*. Register.

BROWN BAG MOVIES: *AMERICAN TALE, MYSTERY OF THE NIGHT MONSTER*

June 22, Fri. at 12:30pm Help Fievel and Nellie track down an unexpected villain in the depths of the city's sewer system. Don't forget to bring your lunch and a drink, we will provide the popcorn. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register.

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

June 23, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Teens and Tweens (5th through 12th grades) with a Lake County Public Library card will audition for the Teen Talent Showcase. Be prepared to perform before a panel of your peers. Sing, dance, play an instrument, present magic tricks, mime, or readings (no karaoke). Teens and Tweens must be able to perform again on Saturday, July 14, 2pm at the talent show. Register.

BAG-O-TRICKS MAGIC SHOW

June 26, Tues. at 1:30pm Join us for this fun, entertaining, and interactive magic show featuring Larry Wirtz. He will capture your imagination and put a smile on everyone's face.

BUSY BEES: WHO'S HAT?

June 27, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten) will hear the book *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina, and other stories, and participate in related activities. Register.

ARE YOU A FUTURE SHERLOCK HOLMES?

June 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm Following a Sherlock Holmes look-alike contest, we will test our sleuthing skills with a series of mini-mysteries for us to solve. In this event for youngsters in 4th grade and up, prizes will be given for the best costume and sleuthing skills.

BROWN BAG MOVIES: *THE GREAT MOUSE DETECTIVE*

June 29, Fri. at 12:30pm Enjoy Disney's musical adventure about *Basil of Baker Street*, the super sleuth who outwits a ruthless rat, Professor Ratigan. Don't forget your lunch and a drink, we will provide the popcorn. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

STORY HOURS

June 5, 12, 19, 26, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm: June 6, 13, 20, 27, Wed. at 10:30am Children ages 3 to 7 will hear presentations of stories and short films. Participation activities include songs, finger plays, and crafts. Weekly themes will be Butterflies, Mystery Pie, Animal Tails, and Wave The Flag. Register for the session of your choice.

NO BONES ABOUT IT

June 7, Thurs. at 2pm Dan Popiela, Outdoor Education Programmer, a Naturalist from Gibson Woods County Park, will provide evidence of what's out in the woods. Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will solve the mysteries by identifying skulls, animal tracks, and other signs of animals. Register.

MASKS AND DISGUISES

June 14, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) will explore how masks and disguises are used in the movies and will then make one of their own. Register.

UNEXPLAINED MYSTERIES

June 21, Thurs. at 2pm Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will learn about a variety of unexplained mysteries – from

Ghosts to Big Foot, UFO's to Crop Circles, Mummy Curses to the Loch Ness Monster, and The Bermuda Triangle. The craft will include creating very hairy Big Feet that can be worn. Register.

TODDLER STORY TIME

June 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 24 to 35 months old, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in beach stories, songs, finger plays and a simple craft. Register.

HOBART FIRE TRUCK

June 28, Thurs. at 2pm The Hobart Fire Department will bring their fire truck to tell school age children (Kindergarten and older) what to do and give tours of the actual truck. Register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

June 4, Mon. at 6pm Children, ages 12 and older, that would like to assist with the Summer Reading Program are asked to attend this informational meeting with a parent. Volunteer applications are available and must be signed by a parent. All volunteers need to submit a new application this summer. Please register for this important session.

MOVIE BREAK

June 13, Wed. at 2pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) will enjoy a special viewing of the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl*. Bring a snack and enjoy this Disney movie (143 minutes).

CRAFT TIME

June 20, Wed. at 2pm School age children will make sun catchers to hang in their very own window. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

June 20 & 27, Wed. at 6pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) can attend these sessions with books, music, finger plays and crafts. Register.

TIP TOP TWO'S

June 22 & 29, Fri. at 10:30am This is a lap-sit program for children ages 18 to 35 months old and will include stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. All toddlers must be accompanied by an adult. Register.

HARRY POTTER TRIVIA

June 27, Wed. at 2pm School age children can check their Harry Potter trivia knowledge before the next book in this series is released. Register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

June 5, Tues. at 4:30pm Children, ages 12 and older, that would like to assist with the Summer Reading Program are asked to attend this informational meeting with a parent. Volunteer applications are available and must be signed by a parent. All volunteers need to submit a new application this summer. Please register for this important session.

MOVIE BREAK

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CRAFT TIME

June 21, Thurs. at 2pm School age children will make sun catchers to hang in their very own window. Register.

HARRY POTTER TRIVIA

June 28, Thurs. at 2pm School age children can check their Harry Potter trivia knowledge before the next book in this series is released. Register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

June 4, 11, 18, 25, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story times. The themes for this month are: "moons and stars," "dinosaurs and mummies," "guessing hats," and "folktales." Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

FANTASTIC 4's, 5's & 6's

June 5, 12, 19, 26, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children ages 4, 5, and 6, who have not finished kindergarten, are invited to story time. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. June's themes are "space," "mummies," "guessing hats," and "folktales."

OUT OF THIS WORLD

June 6, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 6 (must have completed kindergarten) and older, are invited to hear space tales and other crazy adventures. They will also be playing some outrageous games and make an unidentifiable craft.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS

June 7 & 8, Thurs. & Fri. from 9am to 1pm or from 1:30pm to 5:30pm Children ages 11 to 15 can learn to be a certified babysitter. The class is 8 hours and takes place over two days. Individuals must attend both days in order to complete the certification process. There is a $25 fee, which must be paid at the time of registration. A birth certificate is required for class enrollment. Personal snacks are permitted. Space is limited to 10 students per class.

WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN

June 13, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, 6 (must have completed kindergarten) and older are invited to explore Egypt and Greece through stories and games. They will also make a craft worth its weight in gold!

SPY KIDS - THE MOVIE

June 15, Fri. at 2pm Carmen and Juni think their parents are boring. Little do they know that they were top secret agents before they had a family. When their parents are kidnapped, it's up to them to bring them back. This feature film is rated PG with a running time of 1 hour and 28 minutes. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

WEIRD SCIENCE

June 20, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 6 (must have completed kindergarten) and older are invited to examine the world with stories and games. They will also have an opportunity to invent something unique.

SCOOBY DOO – THE MOVIE

June 23, Sat. at 2pm Scooby Doo and the gang are called back together to solve a mystery on Spooky Island. The film is rated PG with a running time of 1 hour and 26 minutes. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

URBAN LEGENDS

June 27, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 6 (must have completed kindergarten) and older are invited to learn more about some myths and legends that survived over the ages through stories and games. They will also make a mind-boggling craft.

MIDWAY MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

June 27, Wed. at 3pm Current volunteers are invited to an ice cream social. New volunteers (must have completed 4th grade) may sign up. The deadline to sign up for the rest of the summer is July 6th.

PICTURE ID FOR KIDS

June 28, Thurs. from 2pm to 4pm The Lake County Sheriff's Department will visit the Munster Branch to make picture IDs for kids of all ages, including their fingerprint. A variety of craft stations will allow attendees to explore fingerprints, make a detective badge, and engage in other activities. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

SNOOPY

June 29, Fri. from 1pm to 3:30pm Children can have their picture taken with "Snoopy," courtesy of MetLife. While Snoopy takes a rest, attendees can get their fingerprints taken and make a picture perfect craft. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

VOLUNTEER MEETING

June 2, Sat. at 10am Students who would like to help with the Summer Reading Program must attend this informational meeting. To qualify, students must be 11 or older by the end of August. Parents are encouraged to attend, as well.

MEET CURIOUS GEORGE

June 8, Fri. at 10:30am Everyone's favorite monkey will be here! Tickets will be available and may be picked up beginning June 5. Each person must have a (free) ticket to attend the program.

STAMP IT

June 9, Sat. at 10am Join professional stamper, Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan, as she demonstrates 3 projects that can be stamped by children who have completed Kindergarten and up. There is a $3 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, which is due at the time of the class. Registration required.

MR. D'S HOUSE OF MAGIC

June 11, Mon. at 3:30pm Children of all ages will be amazed with the spectacular reading magic show. Live animals will be used – and there will be a very special finale. Tickets will be available beginning June 6. Each person must have a (free) ticket to attend the program.

PRE-SCHOOL NOSEY NOSES

June 12, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will guess different foods by their smell and make elephant finger puppets. The film, *Gregory the Terrible Eater*, will also be shown. Register.

SHADOWS & SILHOUETTES

June 14, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, will uncover the mysteries of shadows through stories, film and crafts. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL DIGGING FOR CLUES

June 19, Tues. at 10:30am or 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will go on an archeological dig for treasures through books, games and a craft. Register.

ENVIRONMOBILE OOBLECK

June 20, Wed. or June 21,Thurs. at 2pm School age children, in Kindergarten and older, will investigate a mysterious green substance and learn about household hazardous waste in the environment. Register.

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PRE-SCHOOL "WHO STOLE THE COOKIES FROM THE COOKIE JAR?"

June 26, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will find out who stole those cookies through stories and crafts. Register.

MEET MARK SMALL, BALLOON ARTIST

June 28, Thurs. at 1pm Children of all ages will be popping with excitement as they watch balloon creatures and objects assembled before their eyes. Tickets will be available and may be picked up beginning June 25. Each person must have a (free) ticket to attend this program.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

VOLUNTEER MEETING

June 2, Sat. at 1pm Students who would like to help with the Summer Reading Program must attend this informational meeting. To qualify, students must be 11 or older by the end of August and have a Lake County Public Library card in good standing. Parents are encouraged to attend, also.

LET'S GET STARTED

June 8, Fri. at 1:30pm Bring your cameras and come join us as we "kick-off" our Summer Reading Program with everyone's favorite monkey, Curious George. Children are encouraged to bring their Lake County Public Library card to check out books.

ABRACADABRA!

June 11, Mon. at 1:30pm Come to be mesmerized by the phenomenal Mr. D., "the most unusual magician in the Chicagoland Area." Registration is required.

PATIO FUN

June 12, Tues. at 10:30am or June 13, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will hear a variety of stories, enjoy musical activities, finger plays and create their very own fingerprint painting out on the patio (weather permitting). Register.

WANTED: LIBRARY DETECTIVES

June 14, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, who have completed 1st grade and up, are invited to come to the library in their best disguise. Your first assignment is to make your very own detective kit. A group picture will be taken and displayed in the library. Register.

CALLING ALL SLEUTHS

June 19, Tues. at 10:30am or June 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will hear stories, enjoy musical activities, finger plays and will put on their detective hats to guess what's in the mystery boxes. A snack will be provided. Register.

OOBLECK!

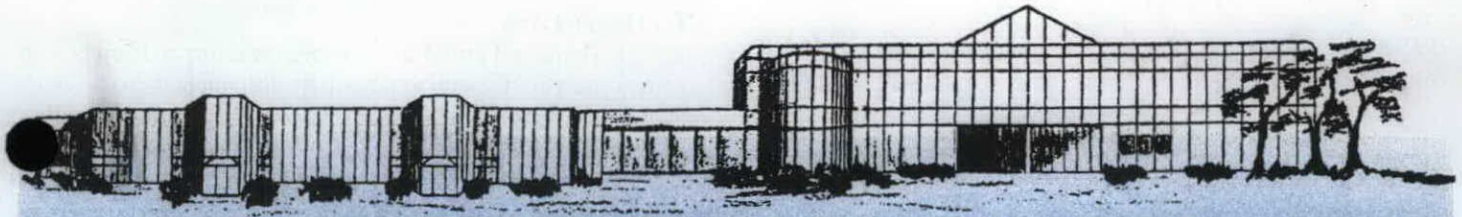
June 21, Thurs. at 2pm The Lake County Solid Waste Management's Environmobile is stopping at the library to help us investigate a mysterious green substance. Is it harmless or is it…hazardous? School age children, who have completed Kindergarten and up, will learn about household hazardous waste in our environment. Register.

SCENT DETECTIVES

June 26, Tues. at 10:30am or June 27, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will hear *What's That Awful Smell?* by Heather Tekavec and other smelly stories, enjoy musical activities, finger plays and user their sense of smell to observe and compare different scents. Register.

BALLOONS GALORE

June 28, Thurs. at 11am Children will be amazed as Balloon Artist, Mark Small magically transforms balloons into fun works of art. Children of all ages can register to attend.



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YOUR VACATION DESTINATION

The "good old summertime" is here, but are you wondering what to do with your vacation time? Perhaps your first stop should be the Lake County Public Library.

Dozens of people already use the library's extensive collection of travel guidebooks, road atlases, periodicals, videos, and DVDs to assist them in planning their vacations. Popular travel guides (*Fodor's, Frommer's, Mobil, Eyewitness*) rate lodgings and restaurants, describe sites worth visiting, and offer various tips for navigating specific cities or countries. The Library's numerous travel magazines, including *Conde Nast's Traveler, National Geographic Traveler, Sunset, Travel & Leisure,* and *Travel Smart*, are a great way to spark an interest in someplace new. Another way to prepare for a trip is to check out the Library's extensive video and DVD collection. There are hundreds of travel programs to choose from, whether the destination is halfway across the United States, or on a continent halfway across the world. In addition to specific sightseeing films, the library also has documentaries that depict different cultures around the world.

Stuck at home this summer? Make the most of it by attending any number of programs regularly held at Lake County Public Library locations. Gardening programs may motivate you to try something new in your landscape. Book discussions will expose you to provocative books, along with people who enjoy sharing their impressions with others. Lake County Public Library locations have several types of discussion groups to choose from: general literature, mystery, "Great Books," and fantasy. The Library also offers an online book discussion, BOOKreMARKS (email remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us to sign up), and beginning July 31, a five-part monthly "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature" series at the Munster Branch. Film programs at branch libraries include documentaries on historic events, classic movies, family films, "Film Movement" programs (award-winning festival films from around the world), and travelogues. If your budget doesn't allow for actual travel this year, these programs can turn you into an "armchair" traveler!

These lazy days of summer are just right for reading a current bestseller, listening to a book on CD by your favorite author, or watching a movie that you missed when it was playing at the theater. For all of these forms of entertainment . . . and more . . . take a trip to your local Lake County Public Library. It may very well be the best part of your vacation!

Linda Dunn
Munster Branch Manager

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There's still time to Read and Win! Summer Reading continues through July 28th.

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will be closed **Wednesday, July 4th,** in observance of our national holiday. Normal operating hours will resume Thursday, July 5.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

BOOKreMARKS

This July the featured book is *Whirligig* by Paul Fleischman. A teenager struggles with the dire consequences of his actions (the death of another teen during a traffic accident) and his eventual redemption. This book, which is on some high school reading lists, is recommended for teens and adults. It should lead to interesting discussions between the generations. Encourage your teen and young adults to read and discuss this "brief masterwork" with us. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussion, visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

ADULT SUMMER READING

Through July 28: "Mysteries Solved @ Your Library" is the theme for the adult summer reading program. Adult readers (18 and older) may enter a drawing for a chance to win one of two grand prizes: a Mystery Dinner Show for two in a Victorian mansion generously donated by The Bennett-Curtis House and an overnight lodging with two tickets for the Dinner/Murder Mystery Show at the Pheasant Run Resort and Spa in St. Charles, IL. Every time a Lake County Public Library book is read and returned through July 28th, the reader may enter the drawing for various weekly prizes, bookstore gift certificates, and one of the grand prizes. Audio books are also eligible for entry.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 11, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

July 11, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. Call ext. 346 to register.

JUG BAND

July 11, Wed. at 6:30pm An enjoyable and charming night awaits for this program! The Jug Band will be here to play blue grass music using household appliances such as a spoon, a washboard, a jug, and a washtub base – along with classic instruments like the banjo and guitar. Refreshments will be served. Please register for this free musical program by calling ext. 317.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library

readers@lakeco.in.us

LET'S TRAVEL TO: **Civil War America**

KNITTING CLASS

July 12, Thurs. at 11am Have you been wanting to learn how to knit? Are you a knitter with a particularly difficult pattern for which you could use some help? Here is a class for beginning, as well as experienced knitters. Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for the novice through skilled knitting projects. Participants should bring a skein of yarn with size 10 to 12 knitting needles, or the project they are already knitting. Register on ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS

July 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus. At an 1854 peace conference in Fort Laramie, Wyoming, Cheyenne Chief Little Wolf requested that the US Army present him with 1,000 white women as brides for his young warriors. In reality, the women did not go! In this novel, they do! Register at ext. 340.

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

July 13, Fri. at 9:30am This program co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club will touch on two popular topics: *Identity Theft* and *Health: Do I Need A Professional.* Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

GARDENING

July 17, Tues, at 7pm It's mid-summer and time to learn exactly what to do with that patch of yard that's in need of color. Building a Garden From Design to Completion by James Hitz, Executive Director of Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, will help you create a lovely view. Register at ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

July 18, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines as well as the library's own website. Call ext. 346 to register.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

July 25, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence either in the library or from your home or office. Call ext. 346 to register.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

July 27, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am This is a free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly class should be taken prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE & DEMENTIA

July 27, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Rev. Michael Cooper and Matt Cooper will be here to present information on safety rights of vulnerable adults in Indiana through the Adult Protective Services (APS). APS serves adults who are mentally or physically incapacitated to the extent that they cannot provide self care or manage their own affairs. The goal of APS is to relieve any endangerment, such as neglect, battery, or exploitation of individual's property. Register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

Ask a librarian

Q: How do I find out how my Indiana state representative voted on a state bill?

A: Go to the Indiana Legislative web site at www.in.gov/legislative and clink on "Bills and Resolutions". Search for a bill by bill number or use keywords. Look for the link under Roll Call number. Each Roll Call lists which legislators voted yes and which voted no.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

[illegible] W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 9, Mon. at 12:30pm Already busy dodging her mother's attempts at marrying her off and running her popular "The Cookie Jar" bakery, now Hannah Swenson is hot on the trail of the murderer of the Cozy Cow Dairy delivery man, killed in the alley behind her shop. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder* by Joanne Fluke.

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 30, Mon. at 6:30pm *Too Many Crooks Spoil the Broth* by Tamar Myers is the story of a mean-spirited Mennonite innkeeper, Magdalena Yoder, who offers service with a sneer. When one of her guests is discovered murdered, she is not satisfied with the deputy sheriff's handling of the case and takes to sleuthing. She then discovers that her patrons' pasts are secretly linked. Her in-your-face attitude and razor wit provide an amusing murder mystery.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

SCRABBLE CLUB

July 2, 9, 16 & 30, Mon. at 1pm Do you enjoy playing the game of Scrabble? Adults are invited to join us for our weekly gathering of scrabble players. It's a great way to spend a couple of hours with others for some mentally challenging fun on a July afternoon. Please note the change to Mondays for the month of July. Call Bob Mele for more details.

STAMP CAMP

July 9, Mon. at 6:30pm Are you looking for something new and exciting to brighten up your summer? Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan from Stampin'Up has some "cool" ideas for these hot, sultry days.

PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

July 10, 17 & 24, Thurs. at 1pm Do you want to travel to exotic and exciting destinations around the world? Join us for a presentation of the PBS series *Travel to Adventure* on Thursday afternoons in July. Each week we will present two different episodes to transport you to thrilling parts of France, Switzerland, China, Thailand, India, and Germany. Bring along your favorite drink and join us for an hour of adventure.

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 18, Wed. at 7pm Thirty-five years after their rafting trip down the Mississippi, four women reunite to cruise down the river again, this time on a luxury steamboat, to give the ashes of a fifth rafter to the river at journey's end. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *The Last Girls* by Lee Smith.

GRIFFITH GAB

July 23, Mon. at 1pm Albert Einstein's brain floats in formaldehyde in a Tupperware bowl in a gray duffel bag in the trunk of a Buick Skylark. Forty years after his death, it is headed from New Jersey to sunny California, where Einstein's perplexed granddaughter awaits. Join us for a discussion of *Driving Mr. Albert: A Trip Across America with Einstein's Brain* about the young journalist Michael Paterniti's journey with the now 84 year old pathologist who removed the brain and simply took it home those many years ago.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SNACK & PLAN

July 2, Mon. at 4pm Members of the T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) and those wishing to join, will eat, play games and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants must be 12 and older and will earn volunteer time.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

July 10, Tues. at 2pm In this vivid look at Ancient China, viewers will explore magnificent remnants of the country's long history, including the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, the Forbidden City, and Pingyao, a 14th century city of the Han Dynasty. Refreshments will be served.

SCRAP BOOKING

July 11, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer, will help create a variety of paper crafts, including scrapbook layouts, mini photo albums, cards, desk calendars, etc. Go to

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www.cynthiakramer.myctmh.com and click on "My Art" to view a picture of the project. Supplies will be provided. Bring your adhesive of choice and scissors. There is an $8 fee to cover the cost of materials which is due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

MAGICAL MUGGLE MANIA

July 14, Sat. at 2pm Participants of all ages will celebrate Book 7 of the Harry Potter series by playing games to test their knowledge. They will learn a little magic at some Hogwarts-style classes and create magical treats.

TEEN MYSTERY NIGHT

July 16, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants (11 to 17 year olds) will play the parts as they work to solve the mystery at the library. Was librarian Ms. Always Be Right murdered? If so, by whom? A mysterious combination of snacks and pop will be served.

BOOKS AND CHAT

July 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. In this almost fairy-tale like story, a young boy sets out to travel the world in search of his dreams, and in the process achieves spiritual enlightenment and self-understanding.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

July 24, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a visit to Paris that will include a cookery class at the Ecole Cordon Bleu, a trip to the Arc de Triomphe, L'Opera Bastille, and the famous museums. Refreshments will be served.

BASIC LINE DANCE & SWING

July 25, Wed. at 7pm Participants will learn and practice basic steps for the *Swing & Jitterbug*, and for the *Electric Slide* and some of its variations. Refreshments will be served. Join in on this fun evening!

Staff Recommends

GARDENING MAGAZINES

Chicagoland Gardening is a bimonthly magazine for gardeners in this zone 5 region. Looking inside you will find a calendar of events that covers information on classes, garden walks and festivals. It also includes sections on: ask our experts, gardener's resource center and what you should be doing in the garden right now.

Fine Gardening is a beautifully illustrated magazine that contains lots of hands on advice. Each issue contains articles on topics such as pruning wisteria, regional gardening, specific plantings, borders, and dividing. Step-by-step photos are included, as well as diagrams. The projects take the seasons into account. The ads are relevant and useful.

Garden Gate is a good basic gardening magazine. The unique feature of this magazine is that it does not include advertisements. Articles tend to be practical in nature, including a lot of how to narratives supported by color photographs and sketches. To find more tips, plans and step-by-step instructions, look for their online exclusives on Web Extras at www.GardenGateMagazine.com

Organic Gardening has promoted for over 50 years an integral vision of cultivation in which soil, organic matter, and plants that are suited to the site and climate at work. The articles teach gardeners how to harness natural resources and how to implement organic weed and pest control. *Organic Gardening* is for everyone who wants to garden in harmony with natural systems and those who want to learn more about what organic gardening entails.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO

July 2, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us for *Gene Autry: America's Singing Cowboy* which chronicles his song-writing, singing, and western film career. Refreshments will be served. Register.

WRITERS' WORK SHOP

July 7 & 21, Sat. from 10am to noon Teens can unlock the hidden writer inside poetry or prose. This work shop will help you start your writing projects; polish projects you already have; and learn some of the tricks of the trade that will help get you published. Work shop will be conducted by Rachel Slager. Register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 10, Tues. at 2pm Ten years after leaving her home in Alabama, Arlene Fleet finds that she has not escaped dealing with a crime she committed in her past. Copies of *Gods in Alabama* by Joshilyn Jackson available at the circulation desk after June 11. Register.

BOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 11, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

CROSSROADS-WELCOME TO THE LIAR'S CLUB

July 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Brush up on your vocabulary as the Crossroad's staff prepares to deceive you in hilarious game show style. Their wacky definitions should prove entertaining. Seniors are invited to join in on the light-hearted morning with a chance to win fun prizes in this program co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Refreshments will be served. Call 972-7317 for more details.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

July 12, Thurs. from 5:30 to 7pm Members of Highland's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), and those wishing to join (7th through 12th grades), will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer tim

TEEN TALENT SHOWCASE

July 14, Sat. at 2pm Highland teens will showcase their talents.

Bring your family and your camera to enjoy the performances of these talented teens. Register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

July 16, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we visit Texas, a place where the landscape ranges from desert, to rolling plains, to the coastline of beaches and ports. We will tour a Longhorn Cattle Ranch, discover the secret of Tex-Mex cooking and visit the Alamo. Refreshments will be served. Register.

TEEN MYSTERY NIGHT

July 19, Thurs. at 6pm Teens will take part in an interactive mystery program. Listen to witness and suspect accounts of a crime, view evidence, then determine the culprit. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

July 23, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *Dreamgirls* is based on the Tony award winning Broadway musical and tells the story of a trio of black soul singers from Chicago who hit it big in the 1960's. Refreshments will be served. Register.

STAMP CAMP

July 25, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up consultant Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee, due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials supplied to all participants. Registration is required.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 26, Thurs. at 7pm Psychologist-sleuth, Maisie Dobbs is called in by Sir Cecil Lawton to investigate the mysterious death of his wife's son during World War I. Copies of *Pardonable Lies* by Jacqueline Winspear will be available at the circulation desk after June 28. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

July 30, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Benjamin Franklin Gates comes from a long line of archaeologists who are searching for a secret stash of cash hidden by Jefferson, Washington, and Franklin. When Gates determines that a clue may lie on the back of the Declaration of Independence, he plots to steal it. *National Treasure*, rated PG, features Nicholas Cage, Harvey Kittel, Jon Voight and Christopher Plummer. Refreshments will be served. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

July 2, 9, 16, Mon. from 6 to 8pm English classes are for participants who are learning English as their second language. Included is speaking, reading, and writing English. These classes are free of charge. Register.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 11, Wed. at 2pm Young teens (11 to 15 years of age) can beat the heat and come to the library to enjoy icy cold ice cream treats. We will make our own ice cream without using an ice cream maker. Bring a topping to share with the group. Register.

WHAT'S A BLOG?

July 14, Sat. 9:30am-11am or July 26, Thurs. 2pm-3:30pm Nowadays it seems everyone has a blog, or is talking about one. This simple computer class will educate you on blogging basics and creating your own personal blog. Registration begins July 2. Seating is limited.

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Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

P.T. BARNUM AND THE CIRCUS

A perennial highlight of summer, the circus has thrived in America almost since the country's foundation. During the 19th century, it was the primary and most popular form of entertainment and information, providing most people with their first view of new inventions, exotic animals and persons, and popular entertainments. Doubtless the most famous name associated with the circus is that of Phineas Taylor Barnum (July 5, 1810 – April 7, 1891), the showman who founded the exhibition that eventually became Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. A museum owner for most of his career, Barnum was an enthusiastic and energetic promoter who missed no opportunity to provide the masses with spectacular entertainment, and his crowning achievement in this field was his traveling museum and circus, featuring Tom Thumb, Jumbo the Elephant, the Fiji Mermaid, the original Siamese twins Chang and Eng, and, in 1850, a 150-night tour by the world-famous singer Jenny Lind. Still in existence though now enjoyed in indoor arenas rather than under the Big Top, Barnum's great achievement comes to town regularly to provide enchantment and thrills for all.

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of P. T. Barnum and the circus will be found on the Upper Level during the month of July.

Humbug: The Art of P. T. Barnum by Neil Harris (B BAR HARR)

P. T. Barnum: The Legend and the Man by A. H. Saxon (B BAR SAXO)

The Fabulous Showman by Irving Wallace (B BAR WALL)

Step Right Up!: The Adventure of Circus in America by LaVahn G. Hoh (791.3 HOH)

The Colossal P. T. Barnum Reader: Nothing Else Like It in the Universe ed. by James W. Cook (791.3092 BARN)

The Great Circus Street Parade in Pictures by Charles Philip Fox (791.3097 FOX)

BOOK CHAT

July 17, Tues. at 2pm *Hot Lights Cold Steel* explores Michael J. Collins' four-year surgical residency from an eager but clueless first year resident to accomplished Chief Resident in his final year at the Mayo Clinic. Please register.

ARE YOU READY FOR *HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS*?

July 18, Wed. at 2pm Will Harry die? Does Dumbledore return? Is Professor Snae evil or good? You decide. Teens (12 and older) can bring their own written ending for the final chapter on Harry Potter to share in this discussion of the latest and last release of this series. We will relive the excitement of the first 6 Harry Potter books as well. Dress up as your favorite HP character for added fun.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

19 July, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

MOVIE MATINEE: *NATIONAL TREASURE*

July 28, Sat. at 11am Enjoy an afternoon full of history, treasure hunting, and wild FBI chases. Fun for the whole family! Featuring Nicholas Cage, Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, and Christopher Plummer, this film is rated PG. Refreshments will be served.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

QUILTING

July 6 & 20, Fri. from Noon to 5pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 13, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm*

Call the **New Chicago Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

VEGETABLE GARDENING

July 11, Wed. at 7pm Growing fresh, healthy and tasty vegetables may be easier than you think. William Tobin, Master Gardener, will provide invaluable instruction for the novice, as well as for the experienced gardener.

EXPLORE PROVENCE & THE FRENCH RIVIERA

July 19, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Provence, known for its soft light and fierce wind, is as loved by Americans as it is by the sun. In the French Riviera, tour Monaco, Nice, and the artist hangouts of Chagall, Matisse and Picasso.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

July 20, Fri. at 1:30pm Anne Tyler's novel, *The Amateur Marriage*, delineates, in careful strokes, the 30 year marriage of Michael Anton and Pauline Barclay, and its dissolution. Their sad story is leavened by Tyler's trademark comic details, narrated with dry and witty understatement.

LIFE COACHING STUDIO

July 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Summer is the perfect season to make time for yourself. Life Coach Dr. Myrna Sarowitz will demonstrate how to change your life in 12 minutes. Witness how the power of personal/business coaching can make you go from "stuck" to "unstuck" and place you on the path to achieving your goals.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 26, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

July 26, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Symposium* by Plato, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.

LETS TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

July 31, Tues. at 1:30pm or 7 pm This is the first session in the five-part series *Between Two Worlds; Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming*. Series scholar, Rabbi Michael N. Stevens, will lead a discussion of *Exodus, The Second Book of Moses*. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Munster Branch or may be reserved at any Lake County Public Library location. Register.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

July 2, Mon. at 1pm This month's film, *Familia*, explores the fragile relationship between mothers and teenage daughters. The film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Runtime: 102 minutes. In French and English with English subtitles. Refreshments served.

PREDICTING POTTER 7

July 7, Sat. 10am What will happen in Book 7? Harry Potter fans of all ages are invited to share their theories about *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Costumes optional; registration required.

MILITARY HISTORY BOOK CLUB

July 17, Tues. at 7pm Military history buffs will discuss *Hell in a Very Small Place*, Bernard Fall's classic account of the siege of Dien Bien Phu. Copies of the book are available at the branch.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

July 18, Wed. at 7pm Take an excursion through the exotic culture of Turkey, the only country to straddle two continents, in a one-hour travel video. Refreshments provided.

STAMP CAMP

July 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be supplied. Registration is required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

July 25 or 26, Wed. at 7pm or Tues. at 10:15am Lisa See reveals the fascinating, and sometimes shocking, lives of two friends in 19th century China in *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
[illegible]-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

July 10, Tues. at 10:15am Readers are invited to discuss the archeological adventures of Amelia Peabody Emerson, her fearless husband Radcliffe, and their precocious son in *The Last Came Died at Noon*. Refreshments served. Copies of the book are available at the branch.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

July 10, Tues. at 1:30pm Sally Hemmings may well be the most famous slave in American history. Follow 200 years of speculation and innuendo about her relationship with Thomas Jefferson in this video biography. Refreshments served. Please register.

All branches of the

Lake County Public Library

will be **closed Wednesday, July 4th.**

Normal hours of operation will resume

Thursday, July 5th.

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Lakeshore Public Television

Lakeshore Public Television broadcasts to 14 counties in Indiana and Illinois, reaching thousands of people in rural areas, small towns, and major cities. Producing over 300 hours annually, a variety of programming includes weather, sports programming (including college basketball games), and public affairs shows. It also features Northwest Indiana's only local newscast, Lakeshore News Tonight.

Literacy Room
July Independent Study

Mondays 2 – 4 pm **Wednesdays 5 – 6 pm**

Rosella Garcia

LCPL's new Literacy Coordinator, **Rosella Garcia** is available for questions and material suggestions.

For more information, call 769-3541 x 309

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JULY 2007

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will be CLOSED, WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, in observance of our nation's birthday!

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

July 2, 9, 16, 23, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will enjoy programs featuring stories, music activities, short films and crafts. Register for each session at ext. 360.

MATINEE AT THE LIBRARY

July 5, Thurs. at 2pm Children will come to enjoy a movie and refreshments. Register at ext. 360.

WELCOME TO HOGWARTS LIBRARY

July 10, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children (1st through 4th grades) will enjoy all things Harry Potter, play games and make a wand. Come dressed in your wizardly best. Register at ext. 360.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 11 & 18, Wed. at 10am or 11am Infants and toddlers (6 to 36 months of age) accompanied by a caregiver will enjoy a half hour lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays and stories. Register for each session at ext. 360.

STORYTELLING AND BOOK EXCHANGE

July 12, Thurs. at 2pm Children will listen to tall tales and fairy tales. They are invited to bring a used children's book or paperback for trading at our book exchange. Register at ext. 360.

WOOD CRAFTS

July 17, Tues. at 10am or 2pm A representative from Lowe's Hardware will be bringing an assortment of wooden craft items for children ages 6 to 11 to assemble. Register at ext. 360.

YOUNG MAGICIANS

July 19, Thurs. at 2pm Three young magicians will astound and amaze the audience of all ages with their illusions. A future David Copperfield or David Blaine may be discovered. Pre-school age children must be accompanied by an adult. Register at ext. 360.

WOW! IT'S WET!

July 24, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Join us for our annual *Wild Wet Water* party! School age children (1st through 4th grade) will listen to stories and play games indoors and out. Wear a swim suit and cap, come with a beach towel, and get ready to get drenched! Register at ext. 360.

MARK SMALL, BALLOON ARTIST

July 26, Thurs. at 2pm Master balloonist, Mark Small, will entertain children by twisting multiple balloons into wonderful pieces of art. Register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PUZZLE PIECES

July 5, Thurs. at 2pm Children, 3 years of age and older, will find out what they can make with a puzzle piece. Register.

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LITTLE BO PEEP

July 10, Tues. at 2pm Where are Little Bo Peep's sheep? Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will find out in this puzzling program. Register.

MEMORY GAMES

July 12, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will play a few memory games and make a "Match" game to take home. Register.

MEET RONALD MCDONALD

July 19, Thurs. at 2pm Ronald McDonald will be visiting the Black Oak Branch today! Children, 3 years of age and older, (and their parents) are invited to stop in and share in the fun of his visit. Register.

SNOW IN JULY?

July 24, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can come in to create a snowman! Register.

MORE SNOW IN JULY!

July 26, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will watch a movie about the mysteries of snow. They will then make a snow globe of their own to take home. Register.

EXPLORING BUBBLES

July 31, Tues. at 2pm Everyone is invited to meet Bubble-ologist Keith Evans, as he uses common household items and a few other things to create bubbles that will amaze! Registration required.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

FOOT STAMPING

July 9, Mon. at 2pm Children of all ages can make a small foot stamp to use to decorate their own stationary. Little ones under the of 5 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Register.

AFTERNOON MOVIES

July 11, 18 & 25, Wed. at 2pm to 3:30pm Children are invited to take a break to view a different movie each week: *Rescuers Down Under, Aloha Scooby Doo*, and *Charlotte's Web*.

WHAT'S BUZZING IN THE NIGHT?

July 16, Mon. at 2pm Hear stories about the mosquito and we'll make a mosquito bomber to fly at home! Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Register.

TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS

July 23, Mon. at 2pm Bring a clean t-shirt into the library and learn how to die-dye. Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 9, 16, 23, Mon. at 10:30am Join in on this lap-sit program for the very young (6 to 36 months of age) accompanied by a caregiver using the rhymes and rhythms of Mother Goose. Themes this month are: feet, moon, and bedtime.

STAMP CLASS

July 10, Tues. at 6:30pm Using stamp techniques, young teens (11 to 15 years of age) will create stationary. Amy Bauer will be our guest instructor. There is a $3 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Registration required.

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD BE BIG FOOT?

July 11, Wed. at 2pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) should wear old clothing and we will make foot print paintings with our feet. Register.

Griffith Branch...continued

LITTLE FOOT

July 12, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (6 to 10 year olds) will create a footprint stamp to use to decorate their own stationary. Register.

TRANQUILITY GARDEN

July 17, Tues. at 6:30pm Young teens (11 to 15 year olds) will learn techniques to calm their mind with meditation. In addition, they will create a tranquility garden for their own room. Register.

ROCKETS AWAY!

July 18, Wed. at 2pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will make a rocket from paper and an edible astronaut (cheese and pretzel snack). Register.

ALIEN GLIDER

July 19, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (6 to 10 year olds) will assemble a glider from straws and cups – and they really will fly! Register.

HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

July 20, Fri. at 2pm All young readers are encouraged to read this novella and join in on a discussion to learn about the author and then watch the film to see it live. This program will run for two hours.

E.S.P.

July 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Young teens (11 to 15 years of age) can test their own E.S.P. ability with simple tests. Register.

STINKY SKUNKS

July 25, Wed. at 2pm Construction paper, a toilet paper roll and a little spray cologne will become a friendly skunk for pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds). Register.

POSSUM

July 26, Thurs. at 2pm Children will learn about and create a model of a strange creature – the possum. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

July 3, 10 & 17, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will enjoy summer programs featuring stories, music activities, and short films.

MOVIE DAY – COOL OFF AT THE LIBRARY!

July 5, Thurs. at 2pm Children (6 to 12 year olds) will kick-back with a movie on the big screen and enjoy refreshments.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 6, 13 & 20, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers (infants to 3 year olds), accompanied by an adult, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

SUPER HERO FOR THE DAY

July 12, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (6 to 12 year olds) will hear some great super hero stories and make a super power cape and mask.

MAGICAL MUGGLE MANIA: CELEBRATING HARRY POTTER

July 14, Sat. at 2pm Children will celebrate Book 7 of the *Harry Potter* series by playing games and testing their Potter knowledge. They will learn a little magic at "hogwart" style classes and create magical treats.

TEEN MYSTERY NIGHT

July 16, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants (11 to 17 year olds) will play the parts as they work to solve the mystery at the library. Was librarian Ms. Always Be Right murdered? If so, by whom? A mysterious combination of snacks and pop will be served.

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ENVIROMOBILE VISIT: ENVIRO GAMES

July 19, Thurs. at 2pm School age children will play Enviro Games outside or inside (depending on the weather). This program is limited to 30 children, so register beginning July 5.

GRAND FINALE: JOCKO THE MAGIC CLOWN

July 25, Wed. at 2pm Jocko the Magic Clown will perform astounding magic tricks. Light refreshments will conclude the program. Certificates will be available to all children who participated in the summer reading program.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

BROWN BAG MOVIE: *ESCAPE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN*

July 6, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring your lunch and a drink to watch two mysterious orphan children with extraordinary powers being chased by a scheming millionaire on the library's big screen. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

WRITERS' WORK SHOP

July 7 & 21, Sat. from 10am to noon Teens and Tweens, unlock the hidden writer in you, poetry or prose. This work shop will help you start your writing projects; polish projects you already have; and learn some of the tricks of the trade that will help you get published. Workshop will be conducted by Rachel Slager. Register.

TODDLERS: BEAR HUNT

July 9, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds accompanied by a caregiver will go on a "bear hunt" during this ½ hour lap-sit story time. Register.

NATURAL MYSTERIES

July 10, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm Dan Popiela of Gibson Woods will help school age children find clues to identify skulls, animal tracks and other natural mysteries. Register.

BUSY BEES: ANIMAL TRACKS

July 11, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will hear the story *Big Tracks, Little Tracks* by Millicent E. Selsam and other stories, then do a special "tracks" activity. Register.

WHODUNIT??

July 12, Thurs. at 1:30pm It's anyone's guess! Tweens (grades 5 & 6) will participate in this interactive murder mystery program by listening to accounts from witnesses and suspects, viewing evidence, and solving a crime. Register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

July 12, Thurs. from 5:30pm to 7pm Members of Highland's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), and those wishing to join (7th through 12th grade) will have snacks, play games and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

BROWN BAG MOVIE: *THE ADVENTURES OF MILO AND OTIS*

July 13, Fri. at 12:30pm Watch the adventures of a young cat and a dog as they find themselves accidentally separated and each swept into a hazardous trek. Don't forget your lunch and a drink. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

TEEN TALENT SHOWCASE

July 14, Sat. at 2pm Highland teens will showcase their talents. Bring your family and your camera to enjoy the performances of these talented teens! Register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 17 & 31, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers (6 to 35 months of age) accompanied by a caregiver will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities and more! Register.

SECRET CODES AND CIPHERS

July 17, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm School age children will learn about codes and how to use them, then make a "secret code book" that they can use to solve a secret message. Register.

BUSY BEES: MOON MYSTERIES

July 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm After hearing stories about the moon, pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will make a moon craft to take home. Register.

GAMES, GAMES & MORE GAMES

July 19, Thurs. at 1:30pm Tweens (grades 5 & 6) may bring a friend to play *Twister, Monopoly Jr., Mario Kart* and more. We'll provide the space, refreshments and some classic board games. Register.

TEEN MYSTERY NIGHT

July 19, Thurs. from 6pm to 8pm Teens will take part in an interactive mystery program. Listen to witness and suspect accounts of a crime, view evidence, then determine the culprit. Register.

BROWN BAG MOVIE: *THE ARISTOCATS*

July 20, Fri. at 12:30pm Upon Madame Adelaide Bonfamille's passing, her cat Duchess and 3 kittens stand to inherit her fortune. But not if Edgar the butler can help it! Bring your lunch and a drink, we'll provide the popcorn. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

TODDLERS: *MUD*

July 23, Mon. at 10:30am *Mud* by Wendy Cheyette Lewison and other stories will be featured during this story time for 2 year olds and their caregivers. Register.

DIGGIN' IT UP

July 24, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm School age children will learn how archeologists use clues to uncover the earth's history, then try their hands at digging something up at the library's own "dig." Register.

BUSY BEES: DINOSAURS ROAR

July 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will hear dinosaur stories and make a special dinosaur craft. Register.

HARRY POTTER BASH

July 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm Tweens (grades 5 & 6) will help celebrate the release of the new Harry Potter book. Dress as a character and come to the library to play Harry Potter trivia, read excerpts from the new book, and eat some tasty snacks. Awards will be presented for best costumes and there will be a raffle for Harry's first four books. Register.

PICNIC

July 27, Fri. at 12:30pm All children who participated in Summer Reading and their parents are invited to bring a lunch, beverage and blanket to the Main Square Gazebo for our annual closing day picnic.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

MOVIE PRESENTATION

July 5, Thurs. at 2pm In celebration of Harry Potter's upcoming last journey, join us for the movie *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (rated PG), as well as a snack of popcorn and lemonade. Register.

SUMMER STORY HOURS

July 10, 17 & 24, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or July 11, 18 & 25, Wed. at 10:30am Children ages 3 to 7 will hear presentations of a variety of stories and short films. Participation activities will include songs, finger plays, and crafts. Register.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 11, Wed. at 2pm Young teens (11 to 15 years of age) can beat the heat and come to the library to enjoy icy cold ice cream treats. We will make our own ice cream without using an ice cream maker. Bring a topping to share with the group. Register.

CLOWNS AND SIDEWALK ART

July 12, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) will beautify the sidewalks around the Hobart library by

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creating your own colored chalk sidewalk art. Clowns, Zinger and Twinkie, will be on hand to make balloons, give you tattoos, paint your faces, and make you laugh! Register.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

July 14, Sat. at 11am A group of kids embark on a wild adventure after finding a pirate treasure map. *Goonies* (rated PG) is fun for the whole family! Refreshments will be served.

ARE YOU READY FOR *HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS*?

July 18, Wed. at 2pm Will Harry die? Does Dumbledore return? Is Professor Snae evil or good? You decide. Teens (12 and older) can bring their own written ending for the final chapter on *Harry Potter* to share in this discussion of the latest and last release of this series. We will relive the excitement of the first 6 *Harry Potter* books as well. Dress up as your favorite HP character for added fun.

EGYPTIAN HIEROGLYPHICS

July 19, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) will learn about Egyptian hieroglyphics and leave a hieroglyphic message on a cave wall. What message will you leave? S'mores will be served. Bring a grocery-size brown paper bag. Register.

TODDLER STORY TIME

July 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers (24 to 35 months of age) accompanied by a caregiver will participate in stories about cars, trucks and planes, songs, finger plays, and simple crafts.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

TIP TOP TWO'S

July 6 & 13, Fri. at 10:30am Toddlers (18 to 35 months of age) accompanied by a caregiver will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Register.

PRIVATE SPACE

July 11, Wed. at 2pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) will make door hangers for a door to their private space. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

July 11 & 18, Wed. at 6pm Children, ages 3 to 5, can attend these story times that include books, music, finger plays and crafts. Register.

MOVIE BREAK

July 18, Wed. at 2pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) will go back to the beginning with *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Bring a snack and enjoy this 152 minute presentation! Register.

PET SHOW

July 25, Wed. at 2pm Show off your pet at the Library Pet Show. All house pets are welcome. Each pet will be awarded a certificate of participation. Pets must be on a leash or in a cage. All pets and owners must register to participate.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

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Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

TERRIFIC 2'S & 3'S

July 9, 16 & 23, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Dedicated to 2 and 3 year olds, each program will include stories, music, and a craft.

FANTASTIC 4'S, 5'S & 6'S

July 10, 17 & 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm These 45 to 60 minute sessions for children who have not yet completed kindergarten will include stories, music, crafts and other theme-related activities.

SCHOOL AGE READERS

July 11, 18 & 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm School age children (who have completed Kindergarten and older) meet for this 60 minute program that includes a variety of themes and age-appropriate, book-related activities.

FIRE SAFETY

July 12, Thurs. at 2pm Visit the Munster Fire Safety House, courtesy of the Munster Fire Department. Attendees will learn how to stay calm and safely escape from a house fire, how to get help fast, and have a chance to explore the fire house. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

ANIMAL TRACKS

July 19, Thurs. at 10am & 2pm "Nature Dan" from Gibson Woods will visit and introduce school age children (ages 6 and older) to the awesome world of animal tracks. Each session will be limited to 30 youngsters. Registration will begin on July 1.

DARREN THE LION

July 27, Fri. at 2pm Officer Ghrist of the Munster Police Department will visit with mascot "Darren the Lion" to speak with kids about gs and safety. Darren will be available for pictures for a limited time afterwards.

CARNIVAL WRAP-UP

July 30, Mon. from 1pm to 3pm Summer Reading participants are invited to a carnival! Certificates, summer reading cards, and ribbons will be awarded. Children can play carnival games to win extra summer reading prizes and enjoy having their faces painted. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

PIZZA PARTY!

July 31, Tues. 2pm to 4pm It's a "Thank You" Pizza Party for all summer reading volunteers.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRE-SCHOOL "MYSTERY BLAST OFF"

July 3, Tues. at 10:30am or 2pm Children will decorate rocket ships and hear stories about space. Register.

LUNCHTIME MOVIE

July 5, Thurs. at noon Children of all ages will watch the film, *Spy Kids 3: Game Over*. This film is 84 minutes and rated PG. Children may bring a lunch but please no red drinks. Register.

REDICTING POTTER 7

July 7, Sat. from 10am to 11am What will happen in Book 7? Harry Potter fans of all ages are invited to share their theories about *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Registration is required; costumes are optional!

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MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 10, 17 & 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Infants and toddlers, ages 6 to 35 months old, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit half hour program featuring rhymes, finger plays and stories. Register.

"PAW POWER BLUES DOG CLUB"

July 11, Wed. at 2pm Meet several dogs and their owners as the canines perform various tricks. Tickets will be available and may be picked up beginning July 6. Each person must have a (free) ticket to attend the program.

"MYSTERY FOOD"

July 12, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) will guess foods by flavors and scents and enjoy a snack. The film, *Nosey Mrs. Rat*, will be viewed. Register.

FIRE! FIRE!

July 18, Wed. at 2pm Children of all ages can put out the heat of summer with a spray from the Schererville Fire Engine. Learn about safety from the experts. Bring a towel! In case of rain, the program will be postponed to Thursday, July 19 at 2pm. No registration required.

RONALD MCDONALD

July 25, Wed. at 2pm Children of all ages will be entertained as Ronald performs a magic show and skits centered around reading. Free tickets will be available and may be picked up beginning July 20. Each person must have a ticket to attend the program.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

"LET FREEDOM RING"

July 3, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds), accompanied by an adult, are invited to decorate the library's driveway using chalk to draw pictures in celebration of Independence Day. Chalk will be provided. Register.

STAMPIN'UP

July 7, Sat. at 1pm School age children (8 and older) will join Stampin'Up consultant Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan as she demonstrates 3 projects. There is a $3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials that will be provided, due at the time of the program. Registration required.

GUESS WHO? GUESS WHAT?

July 10, Tues. at 10:30am or July 11, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will sharpen their observation and thinking skills with stories and activities that involve guessing and will also make a craft to take home. Register.

LUNCHTIME MOVIE

July 12, Thurs. at noon Children who have already completed 2nd grade (and older) will enjoy watching Nickelodeon's production of *Harriet the Spy*. Rated PG, this movie is based on a popular children's book written by Louise Fitzhugh. Children may bring a sack lunch and a drink (not red or dark liquids). Space is limited, so be sure to register.

TREASURE HUNT FOR SHAPES

July 17, Tues. at 10:30am or July 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, finger plays and going on a treasure hunt for shapes needed to complete a summer picture. Register.

I SPY

July 19, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) are invited to sharpen their observational skills by going on a library scavenger hunt and making their own *I Spy* collages. Register.

RONALD MCDONALD

July 25, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages who participate in summer reading are invited to join Ronald at our closing program. There will be magic, puppets, and skits to show us that reading is fun! Register early.

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HIDDEN JEWEL IN LAKE COUNTY

Where can you find over 5,000 web pages packed with information about Lake County, Indiana? Simply by visiting www.lakenetnwi.org, you can search a vast array of Lake County links, as well as links for Northwest Indiana. LakeNET, the Information Connection for Lake County, Indiana, has been bringing local information and Internet links to Northwest Indiana since 1996 and is supported by a partnership with the Lake County Public Library.

www.lakenetnwi.org

What exactly is LakeNET? It is a website with a searchable database that provides links to local organizations, businesses, recreational information, statistics, historical information, and so much more. LakeNET is updated daily, and its calendar of events is an excellent place to search for things to do on the weekend.

Looking for local summer festivals? LakeNET creates an updated list every year. You can also find local entertainment, sports, movies, and newspaper links.

Did you know that many famous sports and entertainment personalities were born and around Lake County, including Alex Karras and Karl Malden? LakeNET has a list of these people plus biographical information and photos. On our Lake County Facts page we feature interesting items such as the fact that Vee-Jay Records, a Gary-based record label founded in the 1950s, was the first American label to sign the Beatles and the Four Seasons.

Even kids can find a safe and fun place to start searching on the Internet by using LakeNET For Kids, which includes game sites, homework help, popular television links, crafts, and puzzles.

LakeNET also creates, updates, and posts free websites for Northwest Indiana not-for-profit organizations. Benefits of having an organizational website include the ability to refer clients to informational brochures via the Internet, post job openings, make your services known to the community, and advertise your fundraisers and events. Plus, clients have instant access to you via e-mail 24/7.

So whether you just moved to Lake County or just want to know more about your community, visit LakeNET and see the possibilities.

Lynn Jackson
LakeNET Coordinator

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BOOKreMARKS

Chronicled with humor and affection, *Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan is the true story of an incorrigible Labrador Retriever and the family who loves him. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions, visit www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 1, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

CIRCLE OF READERS

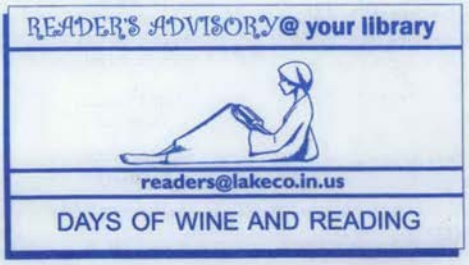
Aug. 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Lost Painting: The Quest for a Caravaggio Masterpiece* by Jonathan Harr. Part history, part detective story, and part biography of one of the most colorful of the Italian masters, this book details the enthralling search for *The Taking of Christ*, a painting which had been lost for some 200 years.

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Aug. 10, Fri. at 9:30am In a program co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, the National Cancer Society will present *What's Wrong with a Little Nutrition*. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Aug. 13, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am Please join us for this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias, such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly class should be taken prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Register toll free at (888) 303-0180



ADANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE/DEMENTIA

Aug. 13, Mon. from Noon to 1:30pm Persons who care for loved ones with dementia often find themselves riding a roller coaster of emotions. As they adjust to the progressive changes caused by the disease, they often struggle with emotions of grief, including depression, anger, denial and guilt. This class, "Helping Dementia Caregivers Find P-E-A-C-E" will discuss strategies to help caregivers cope, not only with emotional changes, but with the practical problem-solving challenges that will equip them to better support their loved ones and lessen their own stress. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class. Registration toll free at (888) 303-0180.

GREAT DECISIONS

Aug. 14 & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's discussion is centered on *South Africa: Facing New Challenges*. There is a one-time $5 fee to cover costs of the briefing book and videos for this monthly program. For further information and to register, call ext. 339.

GARDENING

Aug. 21, Tues. at 7pm *How to Garden & Create a Backyard Habitat* is the featured presentation this month by Sharon Wiggins, Indiana Wildlife Federation Spokesperson and Author. This program, sponsored by the Friends of the Lake County Public Library, is part of an ongoing monthly series of gardening events. Call ext. 317 to register.

KNITTING CLASS

Aug. 23, Thurs. at 11am Here is a class for beginning, as well as experienced knitters. Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for novice through skilled knitting projects. Participants should bring a skein of yarn with size 10 to 12 knitting needles, or the project they are already knitting. Register on ext. 317.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 4*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak*

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Ask a librarian

Q: I would like to relocate. Does the library have demographic and economic information about other cities in the United States?

A: *Places Rated Almanac* has 354 Metropolitan areas ranked for living costs, transportation, job outlook, education, climate, crime, the arts, health care, and recreation. *The Geographic Reference Report* contains salaries for 88 benchmark jobs, cost-of-living and demographic information for 298 North American metro areas. *America's Top-Rated Cities* provides comprehensive statistical information on 100 top-rated U.S. cities. *America's Top Rated Smaller Cities* includes 110 top-ranked cities by population growth, median income, unemployment rate, and crime rate. These reference books can be found at the Central library in Merrillville. *American Factfinder* at www.census.gov can be searched for population, housing, economic, and geographic information by state, county, city, town, neighborhood, and zip code.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 13, Mon. at 12:30pm Arly Hanks (short for Ariel) figures being a female sheriff in Maggody, Arkansas (population 852) should be an easy way to recover from her disastrous marriage in New York. Her mother runs the only saloon in town. How much could happen? Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Malice in Maggody* by Joan Hess.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 27, Wed. at 6:30pm *The Moon's A Balloon* by David Niven is a biographical tale of the first half of this famous actor's life. Written in Niven's own hilarious style, you'll meet rich and famous stars, and admire his patriotism as an officer in WWII, who put his career on hold for his country. Had he not become an Oscar-winning movie star, he would have easily claimed celebrity as a writer. Join us for dessert and an informal, yet rollicking, discussion.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
[illegible]-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

STAMP CAMP

Aug. 8, Wed. at 6:30pm Back to school time is slowly creeping upon us. Are you looking for some ideas for this time of the year, as well as early fall? Stampin'Up's resident expert, Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan, has some new products and ideas as we wind down the summer. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials provided. Register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 15, Wed. at 7pm While traveling from London to the seaside, where they'll scatter the ashes of one of their mates, a group of men, friends since WWII, reminisce. Their lives have not been plain. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *Last Orders* by Graham Swift.

GRIFFITH GAB

Aug. 27, Mon. at 1pm At 26, J. Maarten Troost followed his wife to Kiribati, a tiny island nation in the South Pacific. Virtually ignored by the rest of humanity, Kiribati is the kind of place where dolphins frolic in lagoons, days end with glorious sunsets and airplanes might have to circle overhead because pigs occupy the island's sole runway. But Kiribati wasn't quite paradise. What could possibly be wrong here? Join us for a discussion of Troost's account of the strange, day-by-day wonder that became his life in the islands in *The Sex Lives of Cannibals: Adrift in the Equatorial Pacific.*

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SCRAP BOOKING

Aug. 1, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Scrapbook consultant, Cynthia Kramer, will help you create a variety of paper crafts including layouts, mini photo albums, cards, desk calendars, etc. Go to cynthiakramer.myctmh.com and click on "My Art" to view a picture of the project. Supplies will be provided. Please bring your adhesive of choice and scissors. There is an $8 fee to cover the cost of materials which is due at the time of class. Registration required.

HISTORY VIDEO: *DESTINATION SPACE*

Aug. 14, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will look at humanity's quest to conquer space, from heroic space pioneers to modern day cliffhanger missions. Refreshments will be served.

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BOOKS & CHAT

Aug. 22, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. Fifteen year old Christopher Boone is autistic. He can perform amazing mathematical feats, but has no social skills and cannot stand to be touched. One night while out walking, he discovers his neighbor's dog, dead, impaled by a garden fork. He is arrested for the crime, and after he is released he vows to find the murderer. The story is narrated by Christopher, giving it a unique and touching, sometimes humorous, voice.

SCHOOL DAZE FAMILY STORY TIME FUN

Aug. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy a silly and fun time as they celebrate the end of summer and the start of school. They will make and decorate their own notebook, pack a school lunch, and enjoy a movie. Ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Aug. 28, Tues. at 2pm Some of the world's most popular vacation destinations beckon in this breath taking guide to the Panama Canal. Refreshments will be served.

GAME FEST

Aug. 29, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 and older, will enjoy open play and then may compete in a tournament. Play DDR, Guitar Hero, and a variety of board games. Food and pop will be provided.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Aug. 6, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm She was discovered working at a defense plant and quickly became Fox's biggest box office draw. Join us as we watch the incredible story of Norma Jean Mortenson, or as she is better known, Marilyn Monroe. Refreshments will be served. Register.

BOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 8, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

CROSSROADS-CELEBRATE THE MUNSTER CENTENNIAL

Aug. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am This summer our neighboring community of Munster celebrates 100 years. Crossroads will celebrate Munster's humble stage route beginnings to its evolution into a cutting edge community. The town boasts lovely public sculpture, a touching war memorial, and much more. Refreshments will be served. Call First Financial Bank for more details at 972-7317.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 14, Tues. at 2pm Join in on this discussion of Joseph Conrad's classic, *The Secret Agent*. The story tells of an anarchist's decision to blow up the Greenwich Observatory. What appears to be a simple tale proves to involve politicians, police, foreign diplomats and London's fashionable society in dark and surprising interrelationships. Register.

BANNACK, MONTANA

Aug. 13, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch this film which tells the story of the people of Bannack, Montana

Staff Recommends

Dog Heroes of September 11th: A Tribute to America's Search and Rescue Dogs by Nona Kilgore Bauer
"This book caught my eye because I am such a dog lover, but I read it cover to cover because it is so fascinating. These amazing dogs and their handlers work so hard and are on call just like any other emergency personnel. If it weren't for what happened on 9/11, most Americans would not be aware of the Search and Rescue Dogs. Take a moment, look at some of these sweet faces, read their incredible stories, and then check this book out. I think you'll find it to be an inspiring and informative read." SEM/Circulation

Sala's Gift: My Mother's Holocaust Story by Ann Kirschner
"In October 1940, Sala Garncarz reported for 6 weeks of work in a Nazi labor camp. Five years later, she was liberated by Russian troops. This book contains the letters received from family and friends. These letters, saved at great risk, became a lifeline, giving Sala the strength and courage to keep going." HK/Childrens

Orphans Preferred: The Twisted Truth and Lasting Legend of the Pony Express by Christopher Corbett
"The Pony Express was in operation for just a little more than a year – from 1860-61. Still, it has become one of the enduring symbols of the Westward Expansion movement of the late 19th century. Corbett presents as much of a factual history as can be examined. The Pony Express was a private enterprise – the U.S. Government did not play a part. Because of this, there's not a careful paper trail to use for documentation. Still this book gives you an entertaining look at the three developers (went bankrupt), the riders (one buried on the south side of Chicago), Buffalo Bill (used the Express for showbiz marketing), and Broncho Charlie Miller (most likely a fraud who claimed he was the last rider). Also a nice chapter on how the media from silent films to television has twisted the true facts of the Express for entertainment purposes. The Pony Express was overtaken by the telegraph line in 1861." RB/Reference

through first hand accounts. The 1862 gold strike gave rise to the town and its many residents were influential in the statehood of Montana. Refreshments will be served. Register.

DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Aug. 15 & 16, Wed. & Thurs. from 12:30pm to 4:30pm Hal Schaller will teach the AARP Driver Safety Class, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver. Participants in the two day class may be eligible to receive insurance discounts. There is a $10 fee, due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Aug. 20, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Boom and bust has characterized the state of Nevada since its beginnings. Join us as we visit ghost towns that attest to the failed aspirations of many and see Las Vegas, the last great American Boomtown. Refreshments will be served. Register.

BEGINNER'S SEWING CLUB

Aug. 21, Tues. at 6pm Beginning sewers will join Joanna Smith to complete a fun sewing project in one evening. Participants are asked to bring their own portable sewing machine and to call the library to discover what supplies are needed for the project.

STAMP CAMP

Aug. 22, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up's Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials due at the time of class. Registration is required.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 23, Thurs. at 7pm *The Drowning Pool* by Ross MacDonald features private investigator Lew Archer, who is called in to investigate a poison pen letter and instead ends up investigating a drowning. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Aug. 27, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Join us as we watch *Mister Roberts* - a comedy of life aboard a US Navy ship during World War II. Film stars Henry Fonda, James Cagney and Jack Lemmon.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

HARRY POTTER & THE DEATHLY HALLOWS THERAPY

Aug. 1, Wed. at 2pm This program will be a teen therapy session for those who finished reading *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows*. Reminisce about the last book and overall series with other (grieving) fans. Refreshments will be served.

TEEN GUITAR HERO CHALLENGE

Aug. 8, Wed. from 2pm–4pm Rock out with our Red Octane controllers and/or face-off in an extremely underrated battle mode for teens, ages 13 to 18. Register.

DDR SUPERNOVA@THE HOBART LIBRARY

Aug. 9, Thurs. from 2pm-4pm Teens, 12 to 18 years of age, dance till you drop as we play Dance Dance Revolution Super Nova. Refreshments will be served. Register.

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Highlighting the Life and Times Of... ERNIE PYLE

In August we commemorate the end of World War II (August 14, 1945) and the birth of its most beloved chronicler, Ernie Pyle (August 3, 1900). Born in Dana, Indiana, Ernie majored in journalism at Indiana University but left a month before graduation to take a job as a cub reporter on the *La Porte Herald-Argus*, the first step of his life-long career in newspapers. When World War II broke out, he flew to Britain to report the Battle of Britain, and when American troops arrived in Europe, Ernie lived with them and followed them to Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He landed with them in Normandy. He wrote sympathetically and humorously about the experiences of the enlisted man rather than details of grand strategy or the exploits of officers. He brought the war home to Americans by telling them how their boys lived and fought as soldiers, and they responded with enthusiasm, affection, and respect. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1944. In January, 1945, despite frequent premonitions of death, he traveled to the Pacific to report on the war there. On April 18, during the battle of Okinawa, he was killed by a Japanese machine-gun bullet. President Truman said of him that "No man in this war has so well told the story of the American fighting man as American fighting men wanted it told…He deserves the gratitude of all his countrymen."

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Ernie Pyle will be found on the Upper Level during the month of August.

The Soldier's Friend: A Life of Ernie Pyle by Ray E. Boomhower (B PYL BOOM)

An Ernie Pyle Album: Indiana to Ie Shima by Lee Graham Miller (B PYL MILL)

Ernie Pyle's War: America's Eyewitness to World War II by James Tobin (B PYL TOBI)

On a Wing and a Prayer: The Aviation Columns of Ernie Pyle by Ernie Pyle (070.4496291 PYLE)

The Greatest War Stories Ever Told (808.839358 GREA)

Ernie's War: The Best of Ernie Pyle's World War II Dispatches by Ernie Pyle (940.53 PYLE)

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 16, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

BOOK CHAT

Aug. 21, Tues. at 2pm Chiyo is only nine when she and her sister, Satsu, are sold to a stranger by her father. Chiyo's unusual beauty lands her in one of Kyoto's best-known geisha houses. After months of mistreatment, Chiyo receives guidance and training from renowned geisha, Marmeha in this fascinating novel: *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 10, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm*

Call the **New Chicago Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

HERB GARDENING

Aug. 8, Wed. at 7pm Karen Hix, member of the Porter and Lake County Herb Societies, will present this informative program on the best ways to grow and use herbs.

AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Aug. 14 & 15, Tues. & Wed. from 10:30am to 2:30pm AARP representative June Laws will present this 2 day classroom-style refresher course designed for adults to improve their driving skills. Participants will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive certification. Some insurance companies offer a discount to participants. There is a $10 fee, payable to AARP prior to the class. Register by calling June Laws at 944-8375.

EXPLORE HAWAII & FRENCH POLYNESIA

Aug. 16, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Stop at ports-of-call on six Hawaiian islands. Comb powdery white and black sand beaches, approach volcanoes, and probe the culture of these unique islands. Then travel to French Polynesia, where crystal blue, marine life-rich lagoons seize the imagination.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Aug. 17, Fri. at 1:30pm Shocking, sad, and occasionally bitter, *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls is a remarkable recollection of growing up. The author speaks candidly, yet with surprising affection, about parents and about the strength of family ties – for both good and ill.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 23, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

LETS TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

Aug. 28, Tues. at 1:30pm or 7pm This is the 2nd session in the five-part series *Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming*. Series scholar, Rabbi Michael N. Stevens, will lead a discussion of *Lost in Translation*, a memoir by Eva Hoffman. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Munster Branch or may be reserved at any Lake County Public Library location. Register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Aug. 30, Thurs. at 7pm Take a break from the "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" with *Coriolanus* by Shakespeare. This title was selected by the group's participants and promises to spark a stimulating discussion.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Aug. 6, Mon. at 1pm *OT:Our Town* is an inspiring documentary about high school students in Compton, California. These teens set out to put on the school's first theatrical production in more than 20 years. The film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Runtime: 77 minutes. In English. Refreshments served.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Aug. 7, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

STAMP CAMP

Aug. 14, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be supplied (includes glue sticks). Registration is required.

VIRTURAL TOURISTS

Aug. 15, Wed. at 7pm Quintessential New England is reflected in the sites and sounds of a one-hour travel video of scenic New Hampshire. refreshments provided.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Aug. 22 or 23, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Readers are invited to discuss *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II* by Robert Kurson. This journalistic narrative describes the adventure of two deep-sea wreck divers in 1991, who discover a mysterious U-boat, 230' deep off the coast of NJ. This tale of an average-guy adventure takes them to Germany, Washington, D.C. and through the submarine as they swim among the bones of the doomed German sailors, and helps them fill in a gap in WWII history as they learn the fate of the U-869.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Aug. 28 or 29, Tues. 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. 10:15am Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Aug. 1 or 2, Wed. or Thurs. at 1pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Aug. 7 or 8, Tues. at 10:15am or Wed. at 1pm Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows. Rudimentary use of Microsoft Word is discussed as time permits. Participants must register have knowledge of how to use the mouse.

G SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Aug. 14, Tues. at 1:30pm Johnny Depp's career began long before his success as a pirate. View this A & E video biography of the true story behind this unconventional actor. Refreshments served. Please register.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Aug. 14, Tues. at 10:15am Close friends in a quilting club during the depression era in Kansas have a deadly secret. Pick up *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas at the circulation desk, savor each word, and join us for a light discussion yet robust discussion.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Aug. 15, 16, or 17, Wed. at 1pm, Thurs. at 10:15am, Fri. at 1pm Explore the library's homepage and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Basic mousing skills and a basic understanding of the computer desktop is needed to fully participate. Registration required.

ARTISTIC STAMPING

Aug. 20, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Adult participants will work on two of three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided. Registration required.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY

Aug. 30 & 31, Thurs. & Fri. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Adults, ages 50 and older, will learn how to adjust their driving to accommodate for age-related physical changes in hearing, sight, and reflexes. Participants will refresh their knowledge of road rules and learn important tips for avoiding accidents. Some insurance companies offer a discount to drivers who complete this 8 hour course. Refreshments will be served. Registration and a $10 fee, payable by check or money order to AARP, are required in advance.

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Gifts and Tributes @ your library : Throughout the year, Lake County Public Library receives generous cash and material donations which are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors, and gifts from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a gift from January through May.

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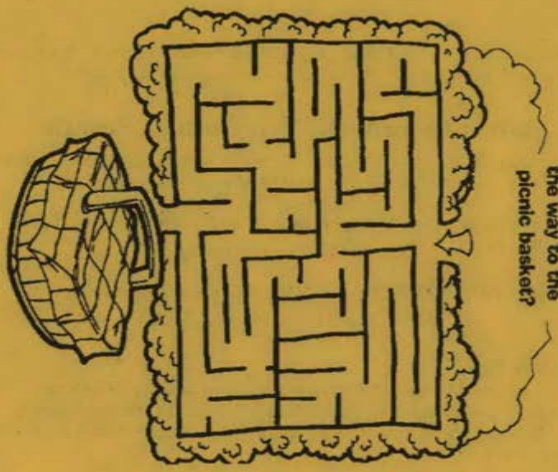

Can you find the way to the picnic basket?

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5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

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Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

FINALE

Aug. 2, Thurs. at 2pm Children who participated in Summer Reading are invited to our final program. Awards certificates will be handed out after we have some fun.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

CUPCAKE BINGO

Aug. 2, Thurs. at 2pm Summer reading is over – so pick up your certificates and play a marathon bingo game for cupcakes. All special prizes will be awarded this afternoon.

WATER PLAY DAY

Aug. 8, Wed. at 2pm Target practice! School age children (6 to 10 year olds) can bring a squirt gun (no cannon type shooters) – shoot down the little red schoolhouse and see [illegible] can hit the moving bubble. Register.

GUITAR HERO II

Aug. 21, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens and Tweens (11 years of age and older) are invited

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to battling guitars using the game Guitar Hero II. Register.

FRIENDS OF POOH

Aug. 22, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children (6 to 10 year olds) will craft a bee bookmark following a story time, in which we are introduced to *Winnie the Pooh and Some Bees...and the Stories Begin*. Register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Aug. 27, Mon. at 10:30am Join in on this lap-sit program for 6 to 35 month old babies, accompanied by an adult caregiver, with rhymes and rhythms from Mother Goose. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

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Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

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HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

HARRY POTTER & THE DEATHLY HALLOWS THERAPY

Aug. 1, Wed. at 2pm This program will be a teen therapy session for those who

finished reading *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows*. Reminisce about the last book and overall series with other (grieving) fans. Refreshments will be served.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

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Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SNACK & PLAN

Aug. 2, Thurs. from 4:30pm to 5:30pm Our monthly Y. A. meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher will afford attendees a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign-up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome! Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Aug. 3 & 17, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this **off-site** story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is directed toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend. The AADC is located at 1101 Park Drive, Munster.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

MEET A DUCHESS

Aug. 2, Thurs. at 6:30pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) will meet Dianna Alvarado, a true Duchess who will talk about her reign. She will read a story and do a simple craft. Girls may dress like princesses. Register.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

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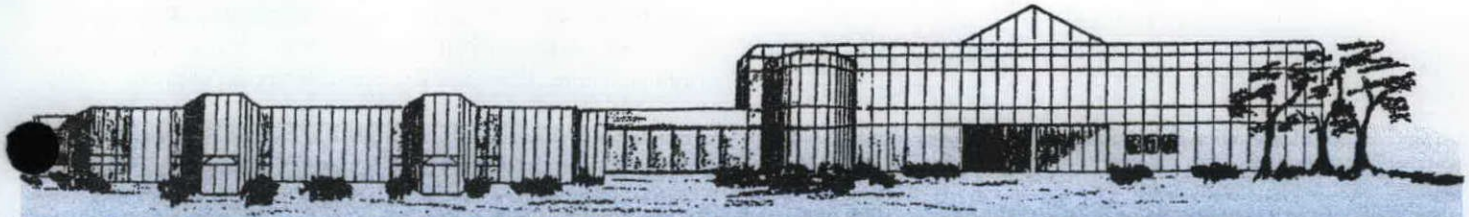

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SEPTEMBER 2007 HAPPENINGS@your library

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SEPTEMBER: What a Month to Read!

It's hard to believe that September has approached! The summer has gone by in a flash, and school has already begun. With summer lounging and backyard barbecues coming to an end, it's important to remember that the fun doesn't have to stop.

September marks the kick-off of a new initiative called *Books to Bridge the Region,* which runs through October. This reading program encompasses seven Northwest Indiana counties: Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke and encourages area residents to read books on a common theme, thus fostering conversation among people and generations.

The books chosen for this year's theme, **"Our Choices, Our World,"** focus attention on different environmental issues and the effect our individual choices have on our world. The selected titles are:

ADULT:
Into the Forest by Jean Hegland

TEEN:
Never Cry Wolf
by Farley Mowat

MIDDLE:
Flush by Carl Hiaasen

PICTURE/EASY:
The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest
by Lynne Cherry

Rather than selecting one book that would limit readership to a specific level of readers, the *Books to Bridge the Region* selection committee adopted a themed approach with multigenerational selections. This way families can read together, and readers of all ages can enjoy conversations generated by these books. In addition, this approach lends itself to varied programming that libraries, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities can offer the communities in Northwest Indiana.

The kick-off event will be combined with the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition's *Time Out for Reading: "Put Your Nose in a Book and Read!"* on September 7, and each book will have a signature event. For *Flush*, there will be a coastal clean-up on Saturday, September 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Indiana Dunes. For *Never Cry Wolf*, Gail Motter from Wolf Park in Lafayette will give a presentation on Saturday, September 22, at noon at Purdue University Calumet. For *The Great Kapok Tree*, Dan LeMonnier will provide two storyteller events: Friday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. he will be at the St. John Branch Library and on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. he will be at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting. For *Into the Forest*, author Jean Hegland will be giving a presentation on Friday, Oct. 12, from 4-6 at Ivy Tech in Valparaiso and Saturday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. at Indiana University Northwest in Gary. She will also be popping into different bookstores for book signings.

For more information and a list of events in your local area, please visit the website at

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Grand Prize Winners are:
Chrystal Solola of Munster
and
Sheryl Matza of St. John,
Grand prizes awarded were a Mystery Dinner Show for two at The Bennet-Curtis House in Grant Park; overnight stay and two tickets for dinner and Murder Myster Show at the Pheasant Run Resort and Spa in St. Charles, Ill.

All branches of the **Lake County Public Library** will be **CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** in observance of Labor Day.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE DISCUSSION

After being influenced by the promises of Mormon missionaries, a Victorian widow and her 7 children embark on an arduous journey from England to Utah. Disillusioned with the church, she eventually reclaims her independence and settles in California. *Faith & Betrayal: A Pioneer Woman's Passage in the American West* is the story of Jean Rio written by her great-great-granddaughter, Sally Denton, based on her ancestor's diaries. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions, visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 5, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 5, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Call ext. 346 to register.

TRASH TO TREASURE

Sept. 6, Thurs. at 6pm Have you been wondering if some of that junk you've been keeping around could actually be valuable? Sabrina Turner will be here to help guide you through steps to determine truth between a significant cache and rubbish. Please register by calling 769-3541, ext. 317.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Sept. 10, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am Please join us for this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly class should be taken prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Register toll-free at (999) 303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE/DEMENTIA

Sept. 10, Mon. from Noon to 1:30pm This free monthly informational and interactive session will focus on advanced topics with regard to caring for individuals with progressive dementia. Topics will include such things as handling behavior/communication changes, assisting with activities of daily living (i.e. bathing and dressing), planning of activities, and addressing difficult transitions (such as loss of driving). The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class. Register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library

readers@lakeco.in.us

SISTERS IN CRIME: women authors of crime fiction

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Sept. 10 through Oct. 31, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 8:30pm English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will begin again this Fall with four levels: Non-English Speaking, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced. Individuals will be assessed to determine their level. Classes are free and no registration is required. Call ext. 309 for further details.

GREAT DECISIONS

Sept. 11 & 25, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's topic is: *War Crimes*. There is a one-time $5 fee to help cover costs of briefing books and videos of this monthly program. For further information and to register, call ext. 339.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Call ext. 346 to register.

DISASTER RECOVERY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Sept. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm Natural disaster is no longer an ambiguous term for most Americans. Over the last few years, weather has been in the news like never before thanks to hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and record snowstorms. Hyon Kwak from First Midwest Bank will present information on extreme weather and how to protect yourself and your family. Register by calling ext. 317.

KNITTING CLASS

Sept. 13, Thurs. at 11am Are you a beginning knitter or experienced with a particularly difficult pattern for which you could use some help? Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for novice through skilled knitting projects. Participants should bring a skein of yarn with size 10 to 12 knitting needles, or the project they are already knitting. Register on ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Sept. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. Piscine Patel and Richard Parker are shipwrecked and forced to survive together on a 26-ft lifeboat. Pi is a 16-year-old boy from Pondicherry, India. Richard Parker is a 450 lb. Bengal tiger. An astonishing adventure, with much food for thought. Register on ext. 340.

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Sept. 14, Fri. at 9:30am *What's the Symphony Without A Great Conductor*? A special guest will join us for this free program co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

GARDENING

Sept. 18, Tues. at 7pm Garden Enthusiast and Grower, Gary Mikita

Ask a librarian

Q: What percentage of Lake County residents own a DVD player?

A: According to *The Lifestyle Market Analyst*, 76 percent of Lake County residents own a DVD player, 72 percent own a Cell Phone, 47 percent own a PC computer, and about 18% play golf regularly. For more demographic and psychographic information about Lake County ask for *The Lifestyle Market Analyst* at the reference desk at the Central library.

offers a presentation on Indoor Gardening with Gesneriads. There are over 2,000 known species of these tropical plants of which a few hundred are grown by home gardeners. In addition, hybridizers have introduced hundreds of others that can now be grown in your home successfully. Register for this colorful and informative program at ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Sept. 19, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence, either in the library or from your home or office. Call ext. 346 to register.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Sept. 26, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session, where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY

Sept. 28, Fri. from 2 to 4pm Larry Clark, Head of the Genealogy Department of the Porter County Library System, will present a program providing tips for starting your genealogy search and added information for those who have already been researching family history. Housed in the Valparaiso branch library, Porter County's genealogical collection is the third largest in the state. Mr. Clark also holds the title of Porter County Historian and Porter County Genealogist. Register at ext. 334.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
980-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm Beatrix Potter was most unusual, even scandalous, for her time – unmarried Londoner, buying and running a farm in the Lake District, writing children's stories. What if she were even more unusual than we think, solving murders in between Peter Rabbit and Flopsy Bunny? Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *The Tale of Hill Top Farm* by Susan Wittig Albert.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm On the day that the 3 sisters planned to run away from home to escape an abusive father and unstable, depressed mother, 5 year old Ellie disappears. Fifteen years later older sister Caroline glimpses a magazine photo of a 20 year old woman who could be her long lost sibling and sets out to find her. *How to be Lost* by Amanda Ward is a read-in-one-sitting treat with a blend of humor and poignant longing and an unsentimental yet inspiring testimony to the power of home over reason and love over loss. Join us for dessert and discussion of this literary mystery wrapped in the arms of a strong woman's tale.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

SCRABBLE CLUB

Sept. 5, 12, & 19, 27, Wed. at 1pm Do you enjoy playing the game of Scrabble? Adults are invited to join us for a weekly gathering of scrabble players. It's a great way to spend a couple of hours with others for some mentally challenging fun as the fall season begins. New players are always welcome. Call and ask for Bob Mele if you would like additional information.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 19, Wed. at 7pm Too young to march off to Korea, trumpet playing Swayze Barksdale is called upon to play Taps at the graveside of a local soldier. Soon, he's on call for more funerals. Still, life, young love, feuds, and hilarious mishaps go on. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *Taps* by Willie Morris.

GRIFFITH GAB

Sept. 24, Mon. at 1pm Millions of Americans work full-time, year round, for poverty level wages, In 1998, Barbara Ehrenreich, an accomplished author and social critic, decided to join them. She left her home, took the cheapest lodgings she could find, and accepted whatever jobs she was offered as an inexperienced homemaker returning to the workforce. So began her grueling, hair-raising, and darkly funny odyssey through the underside of working America. Join us as we discuss *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America,* the saga of her journey from Florida to Maine to Minnesota in search of the elusive American dream.

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Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

WAX ART

Sept. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm Teens through adults will create abstract art using melted wax. All materials will be provided for this free program. Join the fun.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 6, 18, 26, and Oct. 11, at 1pm Participants will learn the basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms, and typing. Attendance is limited, be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Sept. 6, 18, 26, and Oct. 11 at 2pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Attendance is limited, be sure to register.

SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 10, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. Teens 12 and older are invited to attend.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 12, 27, and Oct. 8, Wed. at 2pm and Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited, be sure to register.

GENEALOGY SEARCHING ON THE WEB

Sept. 17 & 20, Mon. at 6:30pm and Thurs. at 2pm Participants will discover the amount of information available on the Internet for tracing their ancestors, including using the library's Ancestry Library & Heritage Quest databases.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Sept. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Into the Forest* by Jean Heglan, the selection for this year's *Books to Bridge the Region*. This near futuristic story tells of two young sisters' changing relationship with each other and their environment. It charts their struggle to cope in a world vastly altered by past excessive goods consumption, technological failure, and societal decay. *Into the Forest* is a tale of the human will to survive, the coping mechanisms individuals develop in the face of catastrophic events, and the ingenuity necessary to sustaining oneself when the rules of life change.

COLOR MANIA FAMILY STORY TIME FUN

Sept. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will have wild fun with color! They will paint with a variety of materials, create rainbows, hear stories, and watch a film. Children who apply for a library card or show the one they have will receive a prize.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Sept. 25, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy an information packed program that brings home all the history, culture, and grand attractions that South America has to offer.

OPEN GAMING

Sept. 25, Tues. at 4pm Teens, 11 and older, will enjoy open play on DDR, Guitar Hero, other Playstation games, and online gaming, along with a variety of board games and crafts. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

Staff Recommends...Music CDs

Rabbit Ears ARE BACK!

The *Rabbit Ears Treasury of World Tales* are now available on CD! The treasury contains mystical stories from all around the globe read by celebrities such Meryl Streep, Robin Williams, Kathleen Turner, and Ben Kingsley, just to name a few. The stories are enhanced with music performed by celebrity musicians, as well. These stories are an excellent way to entertain the whole family and wake up their imaginations.

Hablas Español?

Lake County Public Library has recently started adding books on CD in Spanish to our collection. We have a mix of classic titles (*Wuthering Heights, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, and Les Miserables*, for example) and some newer titles (*Eragon, The Last Templar, and The Broker),* too. Check your local Su Biblioteca display for more titles coming soon.

Metallica...For BABIES!

Tired of Baby Einstein and Barney? Wouldn't you rather soothe your baby to sleep with something you can enjoy, too? Think you can't listen to groups like Tool or Led Zeppelin now that you are a parent?

You have to check out *Rockabye Baby!* It's heavy metal for babies. Yes, you did read that correctly—heavy metal for babies. *"Rockabye Baby!* transforms timeless rock songs into beautiful instrumental lullabies. The soothing sounds of the glockenspiel, vibraphone, and other instruments will lull your baby into a sweet slumber."

My personal favorite is the *Rockabye Baby!* Pink Floyd disc, but we also have Beach Boys, Coldplay, The Cure, Radiohead, Nirvana and more.

For more information on these titles, stop by the Audio-Visual Desk or call 769-3541 ext.350.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO

Sept. 10, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch the story of Hollywood's love goddess, Rita Hayworth. Through personal home videos, candid interviews and never before seen footage, this documentary (shown on the big screen) chronicles her tumultuous marriages and private struggles. Refreshments will be served. Register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 11, Tues. at 2pm Part memoir and part journalistic investigation, author Joan Didion uses *The Year of Magical Thinking* to chronicle the death of her husband, John Dunne, and the illness of her daughter, while investigating the good and bad of marriage. Register.

BOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 12, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

CROSSROADS

Sept. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am Come and be amazed by Christopher the Magician as he wows us with his magic tricks. Call First Financial at 972-7317 to register for this free program. Refreshments will be served.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Sept. 17, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch this film on the big screen which takes a look at the history and artifacts of the many music genres found in Music City-Nashville, Tennessee. Refreshments will be served. Register.

BEGINNER'S SEWING CLUB

Sept. 18, Tues. at 6pm Beginning sewers will join Joanna Smith to complete a fun sewing project in one evening. Participants are asked to bring their own portable sewing machine. Call the library to register and discover what supplies are needed for the project.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 20, Thurs. at 2pm Financial Manager Eric Michaels suffering from amnesia after a miraculous rescue from the World Trade Center attack is sent home with a family he does not recognize, while his real wife believes she is a widow. Register to participate in this discussion of *One Tuesday Morning*.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sept. 24, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm An evil South American casino owner hires a young American as his trusted aide, unaware that his wife has had an affair with him. *Gilda* stars Glenn Ford and Rita Hayworth. This feature film will be shown on the big screen; refreshments will be served. Register.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

Sept. 25, Tues. at 6:30pm The Highland Police will hold their bimonthly Crime Watch Meeting at the Highland Library. Topic for discussion is CSI investigation. No registration required. Refreshments will be served.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 27, Thurs. at 7pm FBI Forensic Psychologist Frank Clevenger begins a dangerous game of cat and mouse when he discovers a connection between the deaths of several rich people and the architect who was hired to build their homes. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASSES

Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Oct. 1, Mon. at 1pm Are you looking for simple, yet delicious recipes? Well look no further. Each week a recipe will be demonstrated and taste tested. Recipes will be given out to help enhance your recipe collection. Classes are limited to 10 participants. Register.

GONE FISHING

Sept. 15, Sat. from 9:30am to 4:30pm Go Fish-IN, is a part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The DNR's Pat Cooper is giving a class where adults will learn how to teach kids to fish. Part of the afternoon will be spent fishing. Please bring a bagged lunch.

BOOK CHAT

Sept. 18, Tues. at 2pm *In the Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez is a story based on the real lives of the Mirabal sisters, three of whom were slain by agents of Dominican Republic dictator, Trujillo. Please register.

AARP DRIVER'S SAFETY CLASS

Sept. 19 & 20, Wed. & Thurs. from 10:30am to 2:30pm June P. Laws will teach the two-day AARP Driver Safety Program, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver. Graduates of the program may be eligible to receive insurance premium discounts. There is a non-refundable registration fee of $10 payable to AARP (check or money order). Participants may bring a snack and/or bottled water.

TEEN FANTASY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 19, Wed. at 4pm When 17 year old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, WA, she meets the exquisitely handsome Edward for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction. She comes to realize that Edward is not wholly human. In *Twilight,* author Stephenie Meyer writes a fascinating vampire story that will leave you wanting more. Join us for a lively discussion and

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refreshments. Books will be available Aug. 29 for teens in 6th grade and up.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 20, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD & PLAY GUITAR HERO

Sept. 22, Sat. from 2pm-4pm Show your library card and enter into our Guitar Hero domain. Play against family, friends, library staff or other participants. Show us how you Rock!

ASPIRING COMIC STRIP ARTISTS

September 25th is National Comic Book Day. The Hobart Branch Library is extending a challenge to all its patrons. Bust out your favorite pens, pencils, or computer programs and create a comic strip about the library or reading. Participants will have from the 25th to October 15th to bring in their entries. Entry groups will consist of grades K-3, 4-6, 7-12, and adults 18 and over. The public will vote for their choice of entries. The winners will be announced during a program on October 25th. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each level. Contest Rules and Regulations: 1. All comic strip entries must be rated "G" for General Audiences; 2. comic strip contents must be about the library or reading in general; 3. no offensive language or pictures; 4. no violence; 5. all entries will be reviewed by library staff before placed out for display.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 7, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm*

Call the **New Chicago Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

NATIVE PLANTS OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

Sept. 5, Wed. at 7pm Pat Rosenwinkel, Master Gardener, will discuss plants that are indigenous to this area.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Sept. 19, Wed. at 7pm Charles DeWitt of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *LaTraviata* by Giuseppe Verdi. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlig

EXPLORE COSTA RICA

Sept. 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm The tiny country of Costa Rica is filled with geographical extremes, and contains some of the greatest biodiversity on earth. Explore its nature reserves, lush jungles, and raging rivers.

LETS TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

Sept. 25, Tues. at 1:30pm or 7pm This is the 3rd session in the 5 part series *Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming*. Series scholar, Rabbi Michael Stevens, will lead a discussion of *The Centaur in the Garden* by Moacyr Scliar. In this novel, Guedali Tartakovsky, born half-human and half-horse to immigrants from Russia who stake out a new life in Brazil, struggles with his identity. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Munster Branch or may be reserved at any Lake County Public Library location. Register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 27, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Sept. 27, Thurs. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to discuss *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. A boy in Poland falls in love and writes a book when World War II arrives, and both the love and the book a lost. Leo Gursky, now in his 80s and living in New York City, strugg to be noticed each day so that people will know he has not yet died. Meanwhile, 14 year old Alma Singer wants her brother to be normal and her mother to be happy again after the death of Alma's father. In a quest for the story behind her name, Alma and Leo find each other, and Leo learns that the book he wrote so long ago has not been lost.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Sept. 27, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of Montaigne's *Of Experience*, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

4 Sept., Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a dif-

ficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Sept. 5 or 6, Wed. at 10:15am or Thurs. at 1pm Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows. Rudimentary use of Microsoft Word discussed as time permits. Participants need to know how to use the mouse. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 12, 13, or 14, Wed. at 10:15am, Thurs. at 5:30pm or Fri. at 1pm Explore the library's homepage and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Basic mouse skills and a basic understanding of the computer desktop is needed to fully participate. Registration required.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Sept. 19, Wed. at 7pm Journey on a 54 foot trawler from Seattle, Washington through the beautiful San Juan Islands and Victoria, British Columbia in a one-hour travel video. Refreshments provided.

STAMP CAMP

Sept. 25, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects using rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee, due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Register.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Sept. 26 or 27, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am The childhood secrets and adult lies of seven friends are threatened when a colleague searches for answers after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Readers are invited to discuss *Absent Friends*, a haunting thriller by S. J. Rozan.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

SIT & KNIT

Sept. 5 & 26, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Sept. 11, Tues. at 1:30pm Viewers will enjoy the fascinating life of Katherine Hepburn in this A & E video biography. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

STAMP CLASS

Sept. 17, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend a inventive hour or two with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Adult participants will work on two of three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided. Registration required.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Sept. 18, Tues. at 10:15am Considered Agatha Christie's best mystery novel, *Ten Little Indians – And Then There Were None* is the story of ten strangers lured to Indian Island by a mysterious host. After they have all arrived, each is accused of murder. Unable to leave the island, the "guests" begin to share their darkest secrets – until one by one they begin to die. Delve into the nuances of an entrancing novel as we discuss this classic drawing room murder mystery.

Highlighting the Life and Times Of... AGATHA CHRISTIE

Author of more than 80 novels and numerous short stories and plays, many of which were made into popular feature films, Agatha Christie was by the time of her death the best-selling English novelist of all time. She was born September 15, 1890, in Torquay, Devon, to an American father (who had lived in England for 20 years) and English mother. Her father died when she was only 10 years old, and her mother, who believed that "education destroyed the brain and ruined the eyes," provided her with "general knowledge" at home. However, the house was full of books, and Agatha and her sister and brother were encouraged to read all of them. Agatha, who was a quiet, shy, child, amused herself by studying music and writing. In December, 1914, she married Royal Flying Corps pilot Archie Christie, and in 1919 her daughter Rosalind was born. Though the marriage ended in divorce after 14 years, she kept the name which she was to make world famous. In 1930, she married Max Mallowan, an archaeologist she'd met on a trip to Egypt, and though completely unlike in background, education, profession, and age, theirs was a marriage of soulmates. Agatha would accompany Max on his digs, plotting and writing her mysteries in the peace and quiet of a convenient cave near a site he was unearthing. She famously stated that "An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have. The older she gets, the more interested he is in her." She was awarded many honors, the proudest of which was Dame of the British Empire, in 1971. She died on January 12, 1976, after a lifetime spent providing incalculable pleasure to millions. As her fellow mystery writer Margery Allingham put it, Agatha Christie has "entertained more people for more hours at a time than any other writer of her generation."

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Agatha Christie will be found on the Upper Level during the month of September.

An Autobiography by Agatha Christie (B CHR CHRI)

Agatha Christie: A Biography by Janet Morgan (B CHR MORG)

The Mystery of Agatha Christie by Gwen Robyns (B CHR ROBY)

A Talent to Deceive: An Appreciation of Agatha Christie by Robert Barnard (823.912 BARN)

The Agatha Christie Companion: The Complete Guide to Agatha Christie's Life and Work by Dennis Sanders and Len Lovallo (823.912 SAND)

Come, Tell Me How You Live by Agatha Christie (915.69 CHRI)

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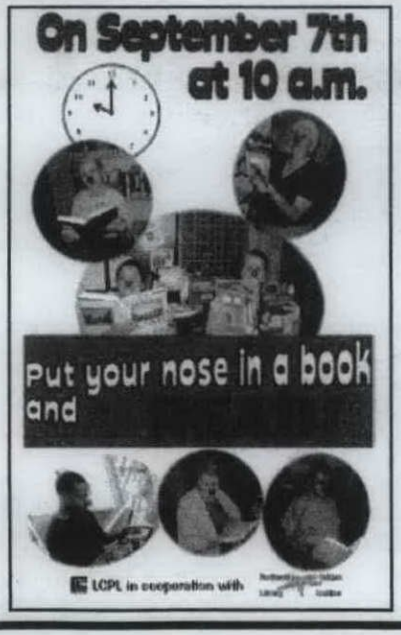
It's *National Library Card Sign-Up Month* and *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* activities are featured at every Lake County Public Library location.



So join us with the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition and
put your nose in a book to read!

Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programing
SEPTEMBER 2007

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

MUSIC WITH THE MAESTRO

Sept.14, Fri. at 4pm The Conductor of the Northwest Indiana Symphony, Kirk Muspratt, will introduce school age children (Kindergarten through 6th grade) to the wonderful world of classical music in the whacky ways that only children understand! In addition, they can all participate in the "Color Me Kirk" coloring contest with a grand prize of a family pass to the Halloween Concert. As part of the *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* program, children bringing their library card with them will receive a special prize, too! Register at ext. 317.

A VISIT TO WAYSIDE SCHOOL

Sept. 27, Thurs. at 4pm School age children (Kindergarten through 4th grade) will listen to selections from Louis Sachar's series of books about a crazy, mixed up school called Wayside, participate in whacky games and activities, and work on a craft. Register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm *Cool Kids* in grades Kindergarten and up will make a special box to tote things in. Bring your library card to the program and get a special surprise for your tote. Registration is a must!

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Sept. 18 through Oct. 23, Tuesdays at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

Call the **Forty-First Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

NARNIA ADVENTURE

Sept. 1, Sat. at 10:30am Tweens, 11 and older, will munch on some breakfast snacks as we discuss *The Boy and His Horse* by C. S. Lewis. Register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Sept. 10 & 24, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers from 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this lap-sit program using rhymes and rhythms. Register.

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COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm Children of all ages may bring in their library card as a ticket into our *Stinky Cheese Man* celebration. You'll hear the story, sing his special song, and invent a smelly creation to bring home. Register.

SUPER TOTS

Sept. 17, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver can participate in *A is for Apple*, with stories, a craft and an apple snack. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Sept. 18 through Oct. 26, Tuesdays at 1pm or Fridays at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will share books, games, finger plays, and more in this six week program. Themes will be itches, elephants, chickens, trees, the big bad wolf, and Halloween. Register for either the Tuesday or Friday sessions.

FRIENDS OF POOH

Sept. 26, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will use sticks to create 3-D pictures after hearing the story *In Which Pooh Invents a New Game and Eeyore Joins In*. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE IT! COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 1, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm We're having an Open House to celebrate *National Library Card Sign-Up* month! Join us for stories and activities and be sure to bring your library card with you!

WAX ART

Sept. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm Teens through adults will create abstract art using melted wax. All materials will be provided for this free program. Join the fun.

TALENT SHOW @ YOUR LIBRARY

Sept. 8, Sat. at 1pm Kids (ages 4 to 18) may demonstrate their creative and musical skills for the library audience. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. Sign-up for this fun-filled event by September 1.

SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 10, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time. Teens 12 and older are invited to attend.

TODDLER TIME

Sept. 13, 27, Thurs. at 10:30am Two and three year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

COOL FUN

Sept. 13, Thurs. at 4pm Children will have cool fun celebrating *National Library Card Sign Up* month when they hear stories, play games with beach balls, and make their own ice cream. Children who apply for a library card, or show the one they have, will receive a prize.

CHESS

Sept. 17, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Online play will be available. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

COLORMANIA FAMILY STORY TIME

Sept. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will have wild fun with color. They will paint with a variety of materials, create rainbows, hear stories, and watch a film. Children who apply for a library card, or show the one they have, will receive a prize.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Sept. 25 through Oct. 30, Tuesdays at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a 6 week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Registration is required beginning Sept. 10.

OPEN GAMING

Sept. 25, Tues. at 4pm Teens, 11 and older, will enjoy open play on DDR, Guitar Hero, Playstation games, and online gaming, along with a variety of board games and crafts. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

AN APPLE A DAY...

Sept. 27, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grades Kindergarten and up will hear apple stories, play games and make an apple creature to take home.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

TODDLERS THOMAS TALES

Sept. 10, Mon. at 10:30 *Thomas the Tank Engine* will be featured during this story time for toddlers, age 2, accompanied by a caregiver. Register.

SCHOOL KIDS ARE COOL KIDS

Sept. 11, Tues. at 4pm School age children, grades K through 6, will enjoy a cool book, cool activities, and a cool treat during this special *National Library Card Sign-Up* month program. All children who show us their library card will get a special prize. Register.

PRE-SCHOOLERS ARE COOL KIDS

Sept. 12, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Cool books and a cool treat will be featured during this special *National Library Card Sign-Up* month program for pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds). All children who show us their library card will get a special prize. Register.

TODDLER FRIENDS

Sept. 24, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, age 2, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories about friendship and sing active songs. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Sept. 25 through Oct. 31, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy six consecutive weeks of stories, songs, finger plays, crafts, and related activities. Themes include: Fun With Thomas, Superheroes, An Apple a Day, Raccoon Rascals, Falling Leaves, and Halloween. Sign up once for the entire 6 week series.

FUN WITH THOMAS

Sept. 25 or 26, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories about *Thomas the Tank Engine* and other trains, songs, finger plays, and other activities. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD PIZZA PARTY

Sept. 6, Thurs. at 5:30pm In celebration of *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* month show your library card and enjoy some pizza and lemonade. Don't have a library card? Register for one! All children who show their card will receive *Cool Kids* stickers and a fun *Cool Kids* prize. Register by September 4.

BECOME A BEAD BRACELET MASTER

Sept. 15, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Tweens and Teens, 4th grade and up, will learn how to make bead bracelets like a pro. Each participant will make a bracelet to keep. Register.

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FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 18 through Oct. 24, Tuesdays at 1m or 6pm and Wednesdays at 10:30am Pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds) will hear and participate in a variety of stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. The last week children will hear Halloween stories, parade around the library in their costumes, and have a Halloween Party that includes 'Trick or Treating.' Register.

TEEN FANTASY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 19, Wed. at 4pm When 17 year old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, WA, she meets the exquisitely handsome Edward for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction. She comes to realize that Edward is not wholly human. In *Twilight* author Stephenie Meyer writes a fascinating vampire story that will leave you wanting more. Join us for a lively discussion and refreshments. Books will be available Aug. 29 for teens in 6th grade and up.

A NATIVE AMERICAN

Sept. 20, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear Native American stories and make a Native American craft. Register.

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD & PLAY GUITAR HERO

Sept. 22, Sat. from 2pm-4pm Show your library card and enter into our Guitar Hero domain. Play against family, friends, library staff or other participants. Show us how you Rock!

FALL TODDLER STORY TIME

Sept. 27, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 24 to 35 months old, accompanied by an adult care giver, will hear Fall stories and participate in songs, finger plays, and a simple craft. Register.

Lake Station Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

TIP TOP TWO

Sept. 21, Fri. at 10:30am Children, ages 18 to 35 months, with an adult care giver, are invited to attend a fall lap-sit story time. Children, with the assistance of the adults, will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Register.

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD PIZZA PARTY

Sept. 12, Wed. at 5:30pm September is *Cool Kids Have A Library Card Month*. In celebration, show your library card and enjoy some pizza and lemonade. Don't have a library card? Register for one! All children who show their card will receive a *Cool Kids* sticker and a fun *Cool Kids* prize. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 26 through Oct. 31, Wednesdays at either 1pm or 6pm Children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to the Lake Station Branch to participate in the fall story hour. This 6 week program will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Register.

New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm

3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

Call the **New Chicago Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Sept. 4 & 25, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story time. Each program includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities. This month's themes are "flags" and "crocodiles and monkeys."

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Sept. 5 & 19, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 6 to 23 months, accompanied by a care giver, are invited to join our *Mother Goose*

sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 6, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Y.A. meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher will provide a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Sept. 7 & 21, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this **off-site** story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

FLAT STANLEY

Sept. 12, Wed. at 4pm Who is Stanley and why is he flat? School age children, kindergarten and older, are invited to discuss this awesome character created by Jeff Brown and make a craft that will really take off.

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 13, Thurs. at 4pm Ronald McDonald will take participants on a reading adventure with his *Bookin' It with Ronald* program to celebrate reading.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Sept. 17, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, with a care giver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. The theme for this month: boats and pirates. The program includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

HARRY POTTER

Sept. 26, Wed. at 4pm Are you a Harry fan? Come test your knowledge about the books by J. K. Rowling and enjoy some wonderful wizard treats.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

COOL KIDS LOVE BUBBLES!

Sep. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm Meet Keith Evans, Bubbleologist, as he entertains children with his bubble magic. Register.

2ND ANNUAL STINKY SNEAKERS

Sep. 8, Sat. at 2pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) can bring in those well worn sneakers from the summer and have them judged for nastiness! A movie will be presented and refreshments will be served. Registration required.

COOK A BOOK CLUB

Sep. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6:30pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) can join us each month as a featured food is introduced along with special stories centered around that food. This month will feature *Johnny Appleseed*. An apple drink and snack will be enjoyed and apple trivia will be shared.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Sep. 18 or 19, 25 or 26, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am Children ages 3 to 5 can share in this 6 week story hour (September through October) consisting of stories, songs, games, crafts, and movies. Be sure to register for the session that best fits your schedule.

CHESS KNIGHT

Sep. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children are invited to learn or play chess, while developing new strategies. Feel free to bring a friend, whether a beginning or advanced player. This event will take place the 4th Monday of the month now through November, picking up again January through April. Call to register.

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St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD: WORM WORLD

Sept. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm In a program for school age children (Kindergarten and up) bookworms and real worms unite when Becky Sherman's Environmobile introduces the inhabitants of "Worm World" to the library. Children must have a Lake County Public Library card to attend. Registration is required.

COOL KIDS STAMP CLASS

Sept. 8, Sat. from 1pm to 2pm School age children (8 and older) will join Stampin'Up! consultant Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan, as she demonstrates 3 projects creating bookmarks. There is a $3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials that will be provided, due at the time of the program. Registration required.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE STORY HOUR

Sept. 18/19, 25/26, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, and crafts during this six week series. Register for either the Tuesday or Wednesday sessions.

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will be CLOSED, MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.

Unscramble these words that have to do with September.

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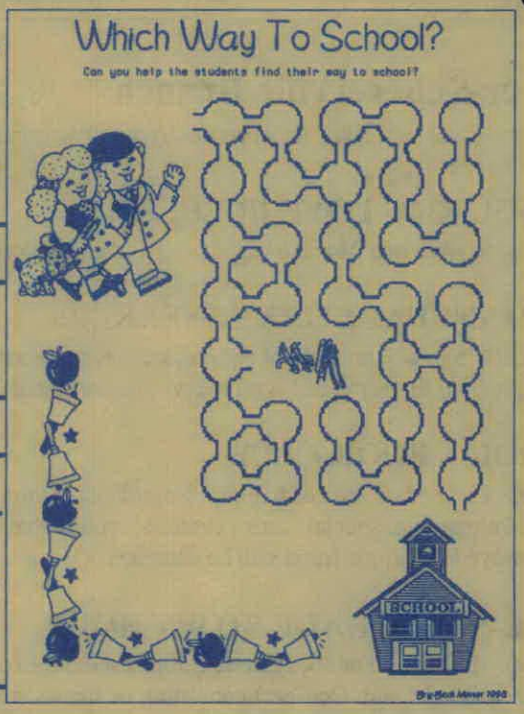

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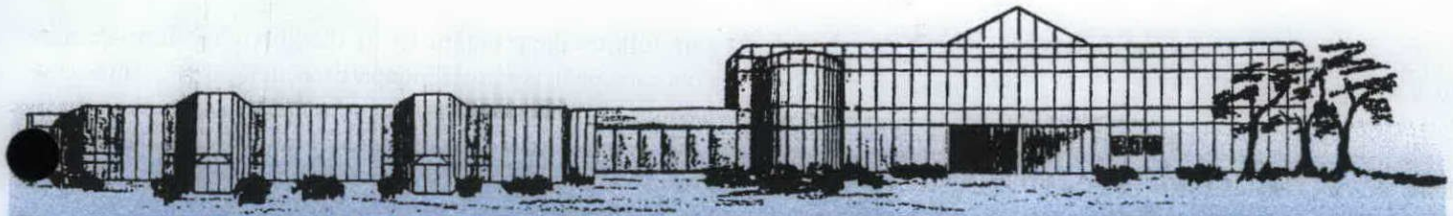

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www.lakeco.lib.in.us
editor Jennifer Burnison

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Warning…genealogy is addictive! One anonymous genealogist put it this way… "Genealogy begins as an interest, becomes a hobby, continues as an avocation, takes over as an obsession, and in its last stages, is an incurable disease."

Looking into the past has never been easier or more fun! The library has assembled a collection of premiere historical and genealogical resources to help you find your elusive ancestors. After all, only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress. Using our databases makes searching for birth, marriage, and death records a snap. We have all the country's rich census data in our *Ancestry* and *Heritage Quest* computer databases. Stop by the Indiana Room to peruse our wonderful collection of local cemetery and obituary indexes. Our *ProQuest Obituaries* database will make finding obituaries and death notices from many prominent newspapers a pleasure.

Like books? The depth and breath of our collection is impressive! Look at our books of passenger ship lists, and perhaps you will find a relative's name among those who braved the seas to come to America. Use our naturalization records to learn what country your ancestors departed from and their ethnic background. Are you eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution?

Use our resources to find out. Perhaps one of your ancestors is lurking in our roster of Civil War soldiers and received a soldier's pension. Try to find a picture of your ancestors or their business in our county history books. Which of your ancestors came to Indiana first, and what did they do for a living? Our atlases and gazetteers can help you pinpoint places of interest. In a Gary city directory, you may learn your great-uncle was a carpenter, merchant, or a steel mill worker. You will discover like William Shakespeare, "There is history in all men's lives."

Internet enthusiasts can visit our *Genealogy and Indiana Roots* link at www.lakeco.lib.in.us to learn more about all our exciting genealogical resources. While you are there, be sure to visit our "Region Roots" blog to learn more about upcoming family history programs and our monthly genealogy classes.

Does all of this sound a little overwhelming? Relax, the Indiana Librarian will be available to guide you as you get started using all our resources. We have prepared a special genealogy packet for beginners. Each packet contains an introduction to genealogy, a map of resources, and helpful hints to help you get started. So call and make an appointment today! Who knows who you will find?

Susan Killin
Indiana Librarian

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Upcoming Genealogy Programs:

Genealogy Searching Class
Tuesday, Oct. 2nd

Lake County Historical Resources
Saturday, Oct. 13th

German Heritage in the Region
Saturday, Oct. 20th

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Oct. 1 through Oct. 31, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30pm English as a Second Language (ESL) classes continue this fall with four levels: Non-English Speaking, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced. Individuals will be assessed to determine their level. Classes are free and no registration is required. Call ext. 309 for further details.

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE DISCUSSION

Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 – BookreMarks will join all of Northwest Indiana in reading *Into the Forest* by Jean Hegland. This *Books to Bridge the Region* selection is "…an apocalyptic coming-of-age story, [that] will fill readers with a profound sense of the human spirit's strength and beauty." To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions, visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

GENEALOGY SEARCHING

October 2, Tues at 10 am Come and learn more about the Lake County Public Library's trio of Genealogy Databases: Ancestry Online, Heritage Quest Online, and ProQuest Obituaries. Seating is limited. Call ext. 334 to register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 3, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

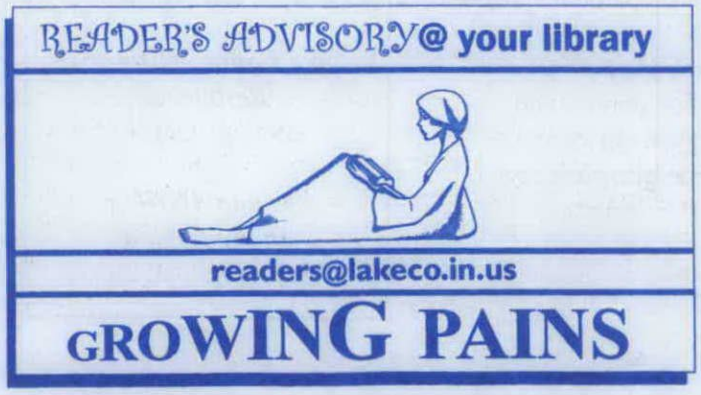
Oct. 3, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Call ext. 346 to register.

FRIENDS MEETING

Oct. 9, Tues. at 1pm Adults are invited to attend the bimonthly *Friends* of the Lake County Public Library meeting in the library's board room. Learn how the *Friends* organization operates, actively participate, or just sit back and listen to what programs are planned for library patrons. For more details, call ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS

Oct. 9 & 23, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's discussion is centered on *Central Asia: Three Power Resource Rivalry*. There is a one-time $5 fee to help cover the costs of the briefing book and videos of this monthly program. For further information and to register, call ext. 339.



COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 10, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Call ext. 346 to register.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Oct. 11, Thurs. from 10am to 11:30am Please join us for this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias, such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly class should be taken prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Register toll-free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE/DEMENTIA

Oct. 11, Thurs. from Noon to 1:30pm This free monthly informational and interactive session will focus on advanced topics with regard to caring for individuals with progressive dementia. Current medicare benefits will be discussed, also with such things as handling behavior/communication changes, assisting with activities of daily living (i.e. bathing and dressing), planning of activities, and addressing difficult transitions (e.g. loss of driving). The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class. Register toll-free at 1-888-303-0180.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Into the Forest* by Jean Hegland. Society has collapsed, and, deep in the redwood forest where they are living, orphaned teen-aged sisters Nell and Eva must learn how to cope. The first *Books to Bridge the Region* selection, this is a powerful story of relationships, coming of age, and survival. Register at ext. 340.

TEACHER LINK

October 12 is the last date to RSVP for middle school and high school teachers to attend a free, professional development workshop focusing on the library's informational databases on Nov. 5, Monday from 1pm to 3pm. These authoritative resources, beneficial to teachers planning lessons as well as students conducting research, are easily accessible online by resident library card holders and their teachers. To register send an email to bsakowski@lakeco.lib.in.us or call ext. 3

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Oct. 12, Fri. at 9:30am It's *Color, Color, Color from Head to Toe*. A special guest will join us for this free program co-spon-

Ask a librarian

Q: Someone told me that the actor, Hugh Laurie, narrated some books. Do you have those books?

A: If you enjoy listening to books on tape or cd and you like a particular narrator, you can find titles narrated by that person like this: from the library catalog choose "More Searches" (in the blue bar). Then choose to search by "General Key Word". Type "Hugh Laurie". Sort the results list by "media" (right hand side), and you will find that the recorded books (indicated by [sound recording]) are together in the list. You can do this with any narrator or performer. Hugh Laurie recorded these titles: The Finer Points of Sausage Dogs; At the Villa of Reduced Circumstances and Portuguese Irregular Verbs. We have all three titles.

sored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Elizabeth Hulsey at 662-3333, ext. 370 for more details.

LAKE COUNTY HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Oct. 13, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm Marlene Polster, vice president of the Northwest Indiana Genealogy Society, will present a program on sources available in Lake County for family and historical research. She is the Indiana County Genealogist for Lake County and has been a member of the Indiana Genealogical Society for a decade. Ms. Polster has been working with the county's historical records and is helping to maintain the family files in the Indiana Room at the Lake County Public Library. Register by calling ext. 334.

GARDENING

Oct. 16, Tues. at 7pm Fall has arrived and it's time to think about *Putting Your Garden To Sleep*, a presentation offered by Master Gardener Dolly Foster. Learn the tips that will prepare your garden for a magnificent spring arousal! Register at ext. 317.

KNITTING

Oct. 17, Wed. at 11am Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for those who already know basic knitting or are skilled and need assistance with particularly patterns. Participants should bring a skein of yarn with size 10 to 12 knitting needles, or the project they are already knitting. Register on ext. 317.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Oct. 17, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate print and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence, either in the library or from your home or office. Call ext. 346 to register.

GERMAN HERITAGE IN THE REGION

Oct. 20, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm Richard Lytle, Local History Librarian of the Hammond Public Library, will present a program on early German influence in the region, concentrating on Hammond. Through slides of the city's early streets, he will talk about the more prominent citizens of German descent. Mr. Lytle is the Vice President of the Hammond Historical Society, a member of the Hammond Historic Preservation Commission, and sits on the board of the Calumet Heritage Project. Register by calling ext. 334.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Oct. 24, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS

Oct. 24, Wed. at 6pm All ages are invited to this program where certified instructor, Tanaz Bamboat, will lead participants in combining simple laughter exercises and gentle yoga breathing to enhance health, happiness, and healing. This can be done by standing or sitting in a chair. Register at ext. 317.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 8, Mon. at 12:30pm Perhaps you've seen one of the many Lord Peter Wimsey films. Now see if any of those actors really fit. Peter Death Bredon Wimsey, D.S.O., second son of the fifteenth Duke of Denver, looks into the murder of a well-known financier, left in the bath wearing only a gold pince-nez. But, is it the financier, or someone else, and who? Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Whose Body?* by Dorothy L. Sayers.

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BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 29, Wed. at 6:30pm *When the Dead Speak* by S. D. Toolely is a fast-paced, topsy-turvy ride, mixed with humor that is impossible to put down. When a semi swerves and collides with the concrete columns of an overpass in Chicago, chunks fall away and an entombed body is revealed. The characters are deep and fascinating, and with a foundation of Native American mysticism blended into a solid murder mystery, Tooley holds the reader's attention riveted until the last page. Join us for dessert and a 'concrete' book discussion.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

SCRABBLE CLUB

Oct. 3, Wed., Oct. 8, Mon., Oct.17, Wed., & Oct. 25, Thurs. at 1pm Adults are invited to join us for our weekly gathering of scrabble players. It's a great way to spend a couple of hours with others for some mentally challenging fun as the fall season begins. New players are always welcome. Please feel free to call Bob Mele for additional information.

STAMP CAMP

Oct. 3, Wed. at 6:30pm Fall is upon us and the scary, spooky Halloween celebration is fast approaching. Join Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! with some new projects, as she guides us through this fun-filled season of the year. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, which is due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

VAUDEVILLE GOES TO RADIO, MOVIES AND TV

Oct. 4, 11, 18, Thurs. at 2pm Pt. 1: Radio – a look at the careers of Fred Allen, Fibber Magee and Molly, and Edgar Bergan, using radio sound bites from old time radio programs. Pt. 2: The Movies – a look at the careers of the Three Stooges and the Marx Brothers using video clips. Pt. 3: TV – a look at the careers of Jack Benny, Burns & Allen, and Red Skelton. Watch an episode of Burns & Allen, a Benny sketch, and classic bits of Red's TV show.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 17, Wed. at 7pm The comedy team of Carter and Sharp, partners for 30 years from Vaudeville to Hollywood, are friends as well as partners. Until one unforgivable act leads to another and the partnership begins to unravel. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Niagara Falls All Over Again* by Elizabeth McCracken.

GRIFFITH GAB

Oct. 22, Mon. at 1pm John Dean knows what happens behind closed doors at the White House from first hand experience during the Nixon years. *In Worse Than Watergate: The Secret Presidency of George W. Bush*, he presents a stunning indictment of George W. Bush's administration. He assembles overwhelming evidence of its obsessive secrecy and connects the dots to explain the hidden agenda of a president and vice-president that seek to remain unaccountable to the American people. Join us as we discuss his revealing and critical look into a presidency that believes it is above the law.

Staff Recommends...Magazines

American History Magazine is aimed at a general audience and makes extensive use of accompanying illustrations to supplement the articles on various historical topics. Special features such as "A Day to Remember" and "American Biography" add interest and color to this magazine.

History Channel Magazine offers insight into the significant events and places that helped shape America's past. It includes articles, profiles, stories, historical photos and illustrations. The magazine brings the past into the present with exciting topics and authentic photography. It's a way to learn more about our nation's historical people and places.

History Today is for students, teachers, historians and history lovers who wish to learn more about British history. Features run from a paragraph to a page in length depending on the topic and handsomely illustrated.

Military History is for the military history generalist. One can find articles on ancient wars through present day conflicts. Each issue examines a particular weapon or tool of war. Interviews with or narrative accounts of memorable characters in particular military actions make for engrossing reading.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 1, Mon. at 5pm Members of TAB and those wishing to join (ages 12 and older) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

SCRAP BOOKING

Oct. 1, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Scrap book consultant, Cynthia Kramer, will help you create a variety of paper crafts including scrap book layouts, mini photo albums, cards, desk calen-

dars, etc. Go to cynthiakramer.myctmh.com and click on "My Art" to view a picture of the project. Supplies will be provided. Please bring your adhesive of choice and scissors. There is an $8 fee to cover the cost of materials, which is due at the time class. Registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 8, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited, be sure to register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Oct. 9, Tues. at 2pm *Baseball's Greatest Memories, Myths, & Legends* is a film that captures the 'golden age' of baseball, from the 1930's to the 1970's with profiles and interviews of the men who made baseball happen. Refreshments will be served.

COMPUTER CLASS: EXCEL

Oct. 10, Wed. at 6:30pm Participants will learn the basics of creating a spreadsheet and using the Excel program. Attendance is limited, so be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 1pm Participants will learn the basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms, and typing. Attendance is limited, be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 2pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Attendance is limited, so be sure to register.

TOURNAMENT FUN

Oct. 15, Mon. at 4pm Teens & Tweens (ages 11 and older), will play Playstation games, including *DDR* and *Guitar Hero,* and compete for prizes. A variety of other activities, including board games and crafts will also be available. Food and pop will be provided. Everyone will win a prize!

BOOKS AND CHAT

Oct. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat. With reports of blood thirsty wolves killing unprecedented numbers of arctic caribou, the Canadian Wildlife Service sends naturalist Farley Mowat to investigate. Dropped alone and unprepared on the frozen tundra, Mowat quickly encounters a wolf pack and begins to study them. This account details a remarkable adventure that has been called a classic of nature writing. *Never Cry Wolf* is the teen selection the *Books to Bridge the Region* program this fall.

LAUGH OUT LOUD@YOUR LIBRARY FESTIVAL

Oct. 20, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm In celebration of Teen Read Week and its theme, Laugh Out Loud@Your Library, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB), will host a library festival full of fun and laughter. All ages will enjoy face painting, cake walks, karaoke, limbo, games, library golf, crafts, movies, and more. Join the fun! LOL@the library.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Oct. 23, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore Vienna, the home of Mozart, Freud and the Hapsburgs. At the center of Europe, Vienna flaunts some of the best and most varied architecture on the continent. Viewers will also travel to Mauthausen, a Nazi concentration camp to hear a survivor of the camp speak. Side trips to Salzburg and the Danube are included, too. Refreshments will be served.

MOVIE BREAK

Oct. 26, Fri. at 2pm Viewers (age 6 and older) will enjoy the captivating film *Never Cry Wolf,* which is based on the book by Farley Mowat. With reports of blood thirsty wolves killing unprecedented numbers of arctic caribou, a young biologist is sent to investigate. Dropped alone and unprepared on the frozen tundra, he quickly encounters a wolf pack and observes them throughout the summer. As he struggles to survive in that difficult environment, he also develops and emotional connection to the wolf family. The movie is rated PG and is part of the *Books to Bridge the Region* program. Popcorn and other goodies will be served.

SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FUN

Oct. 29, Wed. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy a puppet show and participate in some slightly spooky stories and activities! They will also make their own masks for the big night. Participants may come in costume.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY FILM

Oct. 1, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch *The du Ponts: America's Wealthiest Family* on the big screen, which follows how the du Pont family made their fortune manufacturing gun powder. This film explores their history and investigates their influence on politics and society. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Oct. 4 & 5, Thurs. & Fri. from 12:30pm to 4:30pm Hal Schaller will teach the AARP Driver Safety Class, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver. Participants in the 2 day class may be eligible to receive insurance discounts. There is a $10 fee due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION

Oct. 9, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *Into the Forest* by Jean Hegland, the adult title in the *Books to Bridge the Region* series. Society has collapsed and deep in the redwood forest, Nell and Eva, two orphaned teenaged sisters, must learn how to cope. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the registration desk. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

BEGINNER'S SEWING CLUB

Oct. 9, Tues. at 6pm Beginning sewers will join Joanna Smith of Highland to complete a fun sewing project in one evening. Participants are asked to bring their own portable sewing machine and to call the library to discover what supplies are needed for the project. Registration is required for adults and teens.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 10, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

PROTECT YOUR GOOD NAME

Oct. 10, Wed. at 7pm Hyon Kwak of 1st Midwest Bank will present a free Identity Theft program covering how ID thieves steal your information, what they can do with your stolen information, what you can do to prevent the theft of your information, and what to do if you are victimized. Register.

CROSSROADS: HAUNTING TALES OF INDIANA

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 10:30am Join us for a chilling morning as Michael McDowell, founder, President and CEO of *Indiana Ghost Trackers*, shares his haunting tales with us in this free presentation co-sponsored by 1st Financial Bank. Refreshments will be served. Please register by calling 972-7317.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B., and those wishing to join (7th through 12th grade), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Oct. 15, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch the film, shown on the big screen, on Alabama from the *Discoveries America Series*. We will visit Fort Gaines, the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion in Mobile, the Museum of Voting Rights in Selma, and the Mountain Top Flea Market. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 18, Thurs. at 2pm Join us as we discuss the first book in the *Zion Chronicle Series*, *The Gates of Zion* by Bodie Thoene. The story weaves together events surrounding the statehood of Israel and the lives of Ellie Warner, David Meyer, and Moshe Sachar. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Oct. 22, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Researcher Charles Martin Smith's resourcefulness and humanity grow as he struggles against man and nature to conduct a study of the Arctic wolf. Join us as we watch *Never Cry Wolf*, a beautiful film on the big screen based on one of the *Books to Bridge the Region*. Refreshments will be served.

STAMP CAMP

Oct. 24, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up!'s Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials provided to all participants. Registration is required.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 25, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss *Fatal Flaw*, a legal thriller featuring Philadelphia lawyer, Victor Carl, who is called upon to represent his friend and fellow lawyer Guy Forrest, who is charged with murder. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

TEEN GAMING TOURNAMENT

Oct. 27, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Teens and tweens, ages 10 to 18, are invited to participate in the library's first gaming tournament. Participants will compete in Guitar Hero and Super Smash Brothers. Board games and refreshments will be available. The kids are all welcome to dress in Halloween outfits. Prizes for tournament winners and costumes will be awarded. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Oct. 29, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm William Powell and Myrna Loy play Nick and Nora Charles, a veteran detective and his sophisticated wife. Join us as we watch *The Thin Man*, a classic film of murder, mystery and screwball comedy on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

THE VALUE OF TREES

Oct. 30, Tues. at 7pm Nikky Witkowski of the Lake County Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service will provide a program on the value of trees for Highland. She will especially address their aesthetic value, as well as their value in controlling flooding and the washing away of topsoil. This program is presented in conjunction with the Highland Redevelopment Commission and Highland's on-going plans for Arbor Day, 2008. Refreshments will be served. Register.

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HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

ASPIRING COMIC STRIP ARTISTS

Participants in our challenge to create a comic strip about the library or reading have until Oct. 15th to present their entries. As a reminder: entry groups will consist of grades K-3, 4-6, 7-12, and adults 18 and over. The public will vote for their choice of entries. The winners will be announced during a program on October 25th. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each level. Contest Rules and Regulations: 1. All comic strip entries must be rated "G" for General Audiences; 2. comic strip contents must be about the library or reading in general; 3. no offensive language or pictures; 4. no violence; 5. all entries will be reviewed by library staff before placed out for display.

SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASSES

Oct. 1, Mon. at 1pm Are you looking for simple, yet delicious recipes? Join us for our last cooking class of the four week session. A recipe will be demonstrated and taste tested and recipes will be provided to enhance a delightful cuisine collection of gastronomical fare. Register.

FLASH DANCE BASKET CLASS

Oct. 6, Sat. from 9:30am to 1:30pm Barb Thomas will teach adult participants how to weave a Flash Dance basket. The basket is tweed, measuring 7 ¾" square at the bottom and 12" high. The basket is on display at the Hobart Branch Library. There is a $19 fee, due at the time of registration no later than Oct. 3 to cover the cost of materials. Participants need to bring a bucket and towel.

LOL: IT'S TEEN READ WEEK

Oct. 15 through Oct. 20 Teens (ages 12 to 18) are invited to stop in at the Hobart Library during Teen Read Week. Enter for prizes, vote for the best comic strip, join our Teen Advisory Group, and check out our new teen section!

SEEKING TEEN ADVISORY MEMBERS

Oct. 15, Mon. 4pm Teens (ages 12 to 18) are invited to become members of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Members plan programs, provide input on purchases, help maintain the teen wiki, write for the blog, become interns, and more. Meetings are monthly and refreshments are always available.

BOOK CHAT

Oct. 16, Tues. at 2pm A mysterious satellite appears around Earth and scrambles time, bringing together an ape-woman, 21st century soldiers, and astronauts. The characters march around in search of other survivors, then clash in epic battle in *Time's Eye* by Arthur C. Clarke. Join us in this exciting adventure. Please register.

TEEN FANTASY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 17, Wed. at 4pm Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her pack mates and the fear of the townspeople, to decide where she belongs and with whom. Teens (14 and older) join us for a lively discussion and refreshments. *Blood and Chocolate* by Annette Curtis Klause will be available at the circulation desk.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 18, Thurs. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION

Oct. 20, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm The film *Never Cry Wolf* is a dramatization of Farley Mowat's experience during his trip to the Canadian tundra to collect evidence of the harm the wolf population was doing to the caribou herds. For fans of the book, there will be a discussion after the movie, which is rated PG. Refreshments will be provided. Register.

TEEN GAMING DAY

Oct. 25, Thurs. from 2pm to 4pm It's fall break and time for another *Guitar Hero* and *DDR* gaming day for Teens and Tweens (ages 10 and up). Jam with our Red Octane controllers or dance away to hit songs. You can also sort through our pile of board games and puzzles for a different kind of fun. Refreshments will be provided. Register.

AND THE COMIC STRIP AWARD GOES TO.....

Oct. 25, Thurs. at 6pm Please join us for an awards program for the winner of the Comic Strip Contest. Refreshments will be served.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 12, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm*

Call the **New Chicago Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

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8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Oct. 1 or 15, Mon. at 1:30pm Those new to computers will learn how to hold, move, and click a mouse correctly and efficiently. Class size is limited, so be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG 101

Oct. 2 or 16, Tues. at 1:30pm This is an introductory class to educate library users on how to search and understand the library catalog. Topics will include various searching options, accessing your library account and more. Class size is limited; be sure to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 3 or 17, Wed. at 1:30pm Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the World Wide Web. Class size is limited and registration is required.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Oct. 3, Wed. at 7pm Joan Krengel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *La Boheme* by Giacomo Puccini. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 7pm or Oct. 25, Thurs. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to discuss *Into the Forest* by Jean Hegland. Society has collapsed, and deep in the redwood forest, where they are living, orphaned teenaged sisters must learn how to cope. This *Books to Bridge the Region* selection is a powerful story of relationships, coming of age, and survival.

CONTAINER GARDENING

Oct. 10, Wed. at 7pm Melissa Mravec, Landscape Designer with Allen Landscaping, will offer helpful tips on container gardening.

EXPLORE SAN FRANCISCO AND NAPA VALLEY

Oct. 18, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Take an excursion through San Francisco and Northern California, with its heartland of vibrant vineyards.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Oct. 24, Wed. at 7pm Carol Winston of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Julius Caesar* by George Frederic Handel. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights. Please contact the library for possible location change.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 25, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Oct. 25, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for the ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Rameau's Nephew* by Diderot, a selection from the Fourth Series of Great Books.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

Oct. 30, Tues. at 1:30pm and 7pm This is the fourth session in the five-part series *Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming*. Series scholar, Rabbi Michael Stevens, will lead a discussion of *Kaaterskill Falls* by Allegra Goodman. Set in the mid-1970's, this sweeping novel follows three Orthodox families over two eventful summers spent in the bucolic town where they retreat each June from the grittier confines of Washington Heights in New York City. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Munster Branch or may be reserved at any Lake County Public Library location. Please contact the library for possible location change. Register.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.h*

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Oct. 1, Mon. at 1pm Based on a novel by Pulitzer prize-winning author, Carol Shields, *The Republic of Love* is a romantic comedy about Tom, who has a bad habit of falling in love, and Fay, whose expectations of love are impossibly high. This film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only: runtime - 96 minutes: in English ; refreshments served.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Oct. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

MILITARY HISTORY BOOK CLUB

Oct. 4, Thurs. at 7pm Military history buffs will discuss *Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors*, an account of the U. S. Navy's finest hour in World War II. Copies of the book are available at the branch.

DEBATING DEATHLY HALLOWS

Oct. 6, Sat. 10:30am to Noon Was *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* what you expected? Discuss your thoughts about the final book in the series with other Harry potter fans. Registration required.

NEVER CRY WOLF FILM PRESENTATION

Oct. 8, Mon. at 6pm Based on the teen book selection for *Books to Bridge the Region, Never Cry Wolf* portrays Farley Mowat's experiences observing the mysterious habits of wolves in the Arctic. Viewers of all ages are invited to enjoy the beauty and breathtaking cinematic imagery of this unforgettable adventure. Rated PG; run time 105 minutes. Registration is required.

KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS

Oct. 10, 24, Wed. at 6pm Knitting is back! April Muller, experienced crafter, will teach adults with little or no knitting experience the basic stitches and techniques to create a coaster or hot pad. A list of supplies needed is available at the library. Registration is required.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Oct. 17, Wed. at 7pm Experience the ancient route of Camino de Compostela in a one-hour travel video. Pilgrims traveled this Spanish route for over 10 centuries to visit the crypt of St. James the Apostle. Refreshments provided.

STAMP CAMP

Oct. 23, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an expressive hour or two demonstrating your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, which is due at the time of class. Registration required.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Oct. 24 or 25, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Readers are invited to discuss *Into the Forest* by Jean Hegland. Society has collapsed, and deep in the redwood forest, where they are living, orphaned teenaged sisters must learn how to cope. This *Books to Bridge the Region* selection is a powerful story of relationships coming of age, and survival.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

SIT & KNIT

Oct. 3 & 17, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Oct. 9, Tues. at 10:15am In Rex Stout's *A Family Affair*, Nero Wolfe's favorite waiter is murdered in an explosion just a few feet away from him. Taking it personally, he waives his trademark fee as he and his sidekick, Archie, attempt to track down the culprit. Along the way a second murder is committed and Wolfe realizes that this case is a "relative matter." Join in on this classic murder mystery discussion.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Oct. 9, Tues. at 1:30pm Boris Karloff was a seasoned actor when he portrayed Frankenstein in the classic horror movie. Find out how this kind and gentle person in real life came to play sinister, evil villains on the stage and television. Viewers will watch a 50 minute A & E video biography of Boris Karloff. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER

Born October 14, 1890, in Denison, Texas, Dwight Eisenhower rose from humble beginnings to become the 34th president of the United States. As a boy, he and his brother sold vegetables to help their family make ends meet. After high school, Dwight worked for a year to help with his brother's college expenses. A family friend persuaded him to apply to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the only higher education he could possibly afford. He was accepted, and he graduated in 1915, 61st in a class of 164. In 1926, however, he was first in a class of 275 officers attending the army's "leadership factory" at Fort Leavenworth. He held various posts during World War I and after, but it was not until the preparation for and subsequent U.S. involvement in World War II that his superb leadership talents could be fully appreciated. On December 24, 1943, he was appointed supreme commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force; in December, 1944, he received the newly-created rank of five-star general. In 1952, riding the wave of his immense popularity as a war hero, he was elected President of the United States. Despite his more than 30 years of military experience, Eisenhower believed that an effective leader should inspire cooperation rather than demand obedience by issuing orders. Consequently, despite the many tough issues confronting the nation, the hard decisions he had to make, and the criticisms leveled at his administration, he remained popular and even beloved by Americans. His campaign slogan couldn't have been more fitting or more enduring: "I Like Ike!"

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Dwight Eisenhower will be found on the Upper Level during the month of October.

Eisenhower by Stephen Ambrose (B EIS AMBR)

Ike, His Life and Times by Piers Brendon (B EIS BREN)

The Eisenhower Diaries, ed. by Robert H. Ferrell (B EIS EISE)

Eisenhower, American Hero: The Historical Record of His Life by the editors of American Heritage Magazine and the United Press International (B EIS EISE)

Eisenhower by Geoffrey Perret (B EIS EISE)

Eisenhower by John Wukovits (B EIS WUKO)

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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the **Lake County Public Library** is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

September marks the kick-off of a new reading initiative in Northwest Indiana called Books to Bridge the Region, which will run through October 2007. The goals of this initiative are to promote literacy, create conversations among communities, and foster critical thinking related to a theme. The books chosen for this year's theme, "Our Choices, Our World," focus attention on different environmental issues and the effect our individual choices have on our world. The selected titles are:

ADULT: *Into the Forest* by Jean Hegland
TEEN: *Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat
MIDDLE READERS: *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen
PICTURE/EASY: *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry.

The Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition's *Time Out for Reading: "Put Your Nose in a Book"* on September 7 will mark the official beginning of this initiative. Each book will also have a signature event including a beach clean-up at the Indiana Dunes State Park, storytelling by Dan LeMonnier, a presentation on wolves by Gail Motter of Lafayette's Wolf Park, and a visit by author Jean Hegland. Local schools, libraries, and communities are encouraged to plan related programs and events. For more information about area events and to find additional resources, please visit the website: www.books2bridge.org.

Books to Bridge the Region – Connecting the Communities of Northwest Indiana through Reading Activities.
Books to Bridge the Region is a reading initiative that encompasses seven Northwest Indiana counties: Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke. We encourage area residents to read books on a common theme and, thus, foster conversation between people and between generations.

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Children's Programing
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1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

OUTRAGEOUS OCTOBER!

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 4pm School age children (kindergarten through 4th grade) will listen to stories, participate in games and activities. They will complete a craft that celebrates the autumn harvest and the fun and festivity of the month of October. Register at ext. 360.

MONSTER MASH

Oct. 25, Thurs. at 4pm School age children (kindergarten through 4th grade) can wear their costumes to read Halloween stories, play games, and make a spooky craft. Register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the remaining 4 weeks of this 6 week story hour with different theme each week. Register.

GHOSTWRITERS

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, are invited to hear a spooky tale and make a gruesome pen to write with. Register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Thurs. at 4pm Story time for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, continues with four more weeks of books, music, finger play, and games. You may still register for this free program by calling the library.

GHOSTWRITERS

Oct. 16, Tues. at 4:30pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, are invited to hear a spooky tale and make a gruesome pen to write with. Register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Oct. 8, 22, Mon. at 10:30am Babies, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, are invited to this lap-sit program based on rhymes and rhythms of Mother Goose. Register.

FRIENDS OF POOH

Oct. 10, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will make a Heffalump after hearing the story in which *Piglet Meets a Heffalump*. Register.

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NARNIA ADVENTURE CONTINUES

Oct. 13, Sat. at 10:30am Readers of every age are invited to discuss *The Last Battle* by C. S. Lewis and share a breakfast snack. Register.

MOVIE NIGHT

Oct. 16, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens and 'tweens' (12 to 18 years of age) can enjoy popcorn and watch the horror classic *Frankenstein.*

SUPER TOT HALLOWEEN

Oct. 22, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, will hear a spooky story, make a craft, and go trick-or-treating in the library. Children are encouraged to wear a costume. Please bring 20 wrapped treats to the program. Register.

SLIMY MONSTER MITT

Oct. 24, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 11 year olds, will make a slimy monster mitt (hand puppet) to spook their friends. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 1, Mon. at 5pm Members of TAB and those wishing to join (ages 12 and older) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2 , 9, 16, 23, 30, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in the continuation of our 6 week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Registration required.

CHESS

Oct. 8 & 22, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

TODDLER TIME

Oct. 11 & 25 Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds, accompanied by their care giver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

IT'S A PIZZA!

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 4pm School age children (Kindergarten and older) will celebrate National Pizza month with stories, games, and a craft. Children will also make a dessert pizza.

TOURNAMENT FUN

Oct. 15, Mon. at 4pm Teens & Tweens (ages 11 and older), will play Playstation games, including *DDR* and *Guitar Hero,* and compete for prizes. A variety of other activities, including board games and crafts will also be available. Food and pop will be provided. Everyone will win a prize!

BABY SIGNS

Oct. 16, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Baby Signs instructor Michaela Granger will explain the Baby Signs program, a way of talking with babies before they can speak. It is the leading sign language program for hearing babies and parents. Children are welcome to attend with parents or caregivers. This program will take place during the pre-school story hour and will last 25 to 30 minutes.

LAUGH OUT LOUD@YOUR LIBRARY

Oct. 20, Sat. at 1pm to 3pm In celebration of Teen Read Week and its theme, LOL@YourLibrary, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board will host a library festival full of fun and laughter. All ages will enjoy face painting, cake walks, karaoke, limbo, games, library golf, crafts, movies, and more. Join the fun.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CORNER

Oct. 25, Thurs. at 2pm Children in Kindergarten and older will enjoy a hauntingly good time of stories and craft projects to get ready for Halloween. Crafts will include ghosts and spiders.

MOVIE BREAK

Oct. 26, Fri. at 2pm Viewers (age 6 and older) will enjoy the captivating film *Never Cry Wolf*, which is based on the book by Farley Mowat. With reports of blood thirsty wolves killing unprecedented numbers of arctic caribou, a young biologist is sent to investigate. Dropped alone and unprepared on the frozen tundra, he quickly encounters a wolf pack and observes them throughout the summer. As he struggles to survive in that difficult environment, he also develops an emotional connection to the wolf family. The movie is rated PG and is part of the *Books to Bridge the Region* program. Popcorn and other goodies will be served.

SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FUN

Oct. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy a puppet show and participate in some slightly spooky stories and activities. They will also be making their own masks for the big night. Participants may come in costume.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30/31, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school Story Hour continues with stories, songs, finger plays, crafts, and related activities. Story hour themes include: Super Heroes; An Apple a Day; Raccoon Rascals; Falling Leaves; and Halloween. Sign up once for the entire series.

SUPER HEROES PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2/3, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, may dress as their favorite super hero for this super story hour full of fun and adventure. Register.

TODDLERS' HANDS & FEET

Oct. 8, Mon. at 10:30am Hands and feet will be featured throughout this active story time for 2 year olds, accompanied by their care givers. Register.

AN APPLE A DAY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 9/10, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Apples – red, yellow, and juicy – will be featured during this story for pre-school children (3 to 5 year olds). Register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Oct. 11, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B., and those wishing to join (7th through 12th grade), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

RACCOON RASCALS PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 16/17, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy raccoon stories, songs, and a rascally raccoon craft. Register.

TODDLERS' NON-SCARY HALLOWEEN

Oct. 22, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, age 2, along with their care givers, will enjoy stories, songs, and related non-scary Halloween activities during this ½ hour lap-sit program. Register.

FALLING LEAVES PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 23/24, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Fall themed stories, songs, and related activities will be highlighted throughout this story hour for pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds). Register.

SCHOOL AGE COSTUME PARTY

Oct. 26, Fri. 4:30pm to 5:30pm School age children, Kindergarten through 4th grade, are invited to a costume party at the library. Enjoy games, snacks, and other fun activities. Register.

TEEN GAMING TOURNAMENT

Oct. 27, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Teens, 10 to 18 years of age, are invited to participate in the library's first gaming tournament. Participants will compete in *Guitar Hero* and *Super Smash Brothers*. Board games and refreshments will be available. All kids are welcome to dress in Halloween outfits. Prizes for tournament winners and costumes will be awarded. Register.

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HALLOWEEN PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 30/31, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, may dress in their Halloween costumes to enjoy this story hour loaded with non-scary Halloween stories, songs, and fun. Parents may bring treats to pass out to the children as they trick or treat through the library. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

ASPIRING COMIC STRIP ARTISTS

Participants in our challenge to create a comic strip about the library, or reading have until Oct. 15th to present their entries. As a reminder: children's entry groups will consist of grades K-3, 4-6, and 7-12. The public will vote for their choice of entries. The winners will be announced during a program on October 25th. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each level. Contest Rules and Regulations: 1. All comic strip entries must be rated "G" for General Audiences; 2. comic strip contents must be about the library or reading in general; 3. no offensive language or pictures; 4. no violence; 5. all entries will be reviewed by library staff before placed out for display.

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2 through 31, Tuesdays at 1pm or 6pm and Wednesdays at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear and participate in a variety of stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. The last week, children will hear Halloween stories, parade around the library in their costumes, and have a Halloween Party that includes 'Trick or Treating.' Register.

LOL: IT'S TEEN READ WEEK

Oct. 15 through Oct. 20 Teens (ages 12 to 18) are invited to stop in at the Hobart Library during Teen Read Week. Enter for prizes, vote for the best comic strip, join our Teen Advisory Group, and check out our new teen section!

SEEKING TEEN ADVISORY MEMBERS

Oct. 15, Mon. 4pm Teens (ages 12 to 18) are invited to become members of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Members plan programs, provide input on purchases, help maintain the teen wiki, write for the blog, become interns, and more. Meetings are monthly and refreshments are always available.

TEEN FANTASY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 17, Wed. at 4pm Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her pack mates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs, and with whom. Teens (14 and older) are invited for a lively discussion and refreshments. *Blood & Chocolate* by Annette Curtis Klause will be available at the circulation desk.

HALLOWEEN STORIES AND PUMPKIN PAINTING

Oct. 18, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear Halloween stories and paint pumpkins. Children will need to bring a pumpkin. Paint, brushes, etc. will be provided. Apple cider and cookies will be served. Register.

HALLOWEEN TODDLER STORY TIME

Oct. 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 24 to 35 months of age, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will hear non-scary stories and participate in songs, finger plays, and a simple Halloween craft. Children can wear costumes and we'll have apple juice and a snack. Register.

TEEN GAMING DAY

Oct. 25, Thurs. from 2pm to 4pm It's fall break and time for another *Guitar Hero* and *DDR* gaming day for Teens and Tweens (ages 10 and up). Jam with our Red Octane controllers or dance away to hit songs. You can also sort through our pile of board games and puzzles for a different kind of fun. Refreshments will be provided. Register.

AND THE COMIC STRIP AWARD GOES TO.....

Oct. 25, Thurs. at 6pm Please join us for an awards program for the winner of the *Comic Strip Contest*. Refreshments will be served.

Prepare yourself for a spooky good time! Our annual Halloween Fest is October 27 at your Central Branch of the Lake County Public Library System.

Lake Station Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm
2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

New Chicago Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/newchicago.htm
3250 Michigan St., 962-2421

Call the **Lake Station** or the **New Chicago Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Munster Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Oct. 1, 15, 29, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a care giver, are invited to this 30-45 minute story time. The themes for this month are: harvest time, pets, and Halloween. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Tues. at 10:30am Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to story time. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. This month's themes are: harvest time, boats and Columbus, pets, bunny money, and Halloween.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Oct. 3, 17, 31, Wed. at 10:30am Children, 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, are invited to join our *Mother Goose* sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 4, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for students currently in 5th grade or older, is a perfect time to help plan upcoming events and/or sign-up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. Can't come to the meeting? Ideas and suggestions are always welcome – just contact Brittany.

READING BUDDIES

Oct. 5, 19, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center (1101 Park Dr., Munster), this *off-site* story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, although children of all ages may attend.

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION

Oct. 6, Sat. at 2pm Lake County Public Library is joining a reading initiative that encompasses 7 Northwest Indiana counties: Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke, to read books on a common theme, and thus, foster conversation between people and between generations. To help celebrate this event, the library will be showing Disney's film version of *Never Cry Wolf*. The film is rated PG with a running time of 105 minutes. Families of all ages are welcome, though children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Copies of *Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat are also available for check out.

LAND HO!

Oct. 10, Wed. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, are invited to discover America through the eyes of Christopher Columbus and make a feast of a craft!

FLICKS & FUN

Oct. 20, Sat. at 2pm Come to the library to enjoy a movie on the big screen. Disney's *Hocus Pocus* will be shown for children of all ages. Personal munchies are allowed, but clean-up is required. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The movie is rated PG, with a running time of 96 minutes.

PUMPKIN CARVING

Oct. 23, Tues. at 4:30pm Children, currently in 5th grade or older, are invited to carve their own pumpkins at the library. Participants will need to bring their own pumpkin and at least one carving knife. Other carving tools, books on carving techniques, food, and fun will be provided. Join us for a great time!

I VANT TO SUCK YOUR VEGETABLES!

Oct. 24, Wed. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten and older, will discuss the antics of Bunnicula, the vampire bunny, and have some crafty fun with vegetables.

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ALL-AGE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Oct. 26, Fri. from 4pm to 5pm Children of all ages are invited to a spooktacular fun time filled with stories, neat games, and a parade around the library. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, Tuesdays at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wednesdays at 10:30am This series of story hours for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, consists of stories, crafts, films, and games. Register for the day and time that best fits your schedule.

DEBATING DEATHLY HALLOWS

Oct. 6, Sat. 10:30am to Noon Was *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* what you expected? Discuss your thoughts about the final book in the series with other Harry Potter fans. Registration required.

NEVER CRY WOLF FILM PRESENTATION

Oct. 8, Mon. at 6pm Based on the teen book selection for *Books to Bridge the Region, Never Cry Wolf* portrays Farley Mowat's experiences observing the mysterious habits of wolves in the Arctic. Viewers of all ages are invited to enjoy the beauty and breathtaking cinematic imagery of this unforgettable adventure. Rated PG; run time 105 minutes. Registration is required.

COOK-A-BOOK CLUB

Oct. 10, Wed. at 2pm and 6:30pm Halloween stories and special treats will be enjoyed by school age children (Kindergarten and older), as well as creating a holiday craft. Register.

KNIT & PURL

Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 15, Thurs. from 6pm to 7:30pm Children, 10 years and older, who already have some experience with knitting will enjoy an evening honing their knit and purl skills. Participants will need to bring yarn and needles to the first class and may make a knitted purse or bring a simple project of their choice. Sample purse and requirements are at the library. Registration is required and all registrants must attend the first class on the 18th, in order to participate in the rest of the classes.

STAMP IT!

Oct. 20, Sat. at 1pm Children who are 8 years of age and older can join a professional stamper to create up to 3 projects. There is a $3 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, which is due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2 through 24, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, and crafts during the continuation of the pre-school story hour series. Children may attend either the Tuesday or Wednesday sessions. Please register for the day that best fits your schedule.

RAIN FOREST STORY HOUR

Oct. 5, Fri. at 4pm Storyteller Dan LeMonnier tells stories and sings songs about animals in the rain forest, just like those in *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry, the 2007 picture book selection for *Books to Bridge the Region*. Register.

A HOWLING GOOD TIME

Oct. 26, Fri. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten and up, will have fun making an assortment of Halloween crafts. Costumes may be worn to the program, but are not required. Refreshments will be served. Register.

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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TEENS @ THE LIBRARY

The library strives to meet the needs of all its patrons—of any age. The collection reflects the needs and interests of its users, while programming is varied and appropriate for many different age groups. Adults enjoy programs involving book discussions, films, computers, gardening, health issues, painting, scrap booking, and other types of programs, even dance! Babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children may attend programs designed for their age groups. The Cedar Lake Branch, along with one of the other branches, also offers popular family programs suitable for all ages. Every summer, reading programs entice children and adults to read for prizes. But what about programming and services aimed specifically toward teens?

A teen room—"Teen Zone"—in the new Cedar Lake Branch is designed to help teens know that they are welcome in the library. Four years ago, when the new library was still in the planning stages, a teen advisory board was formed. Calling themselves T.A.B., this group of teens helps plan and put on programs for teens and other age groups. They also perform a variety of other volunteer tasks at the library. The newly formed T.A.B. also helped plan the first ever teen summer reading program at the Cedar Lake Branch. Two years later a teen summer reading program was offered at every library in the LCPL system. Three years ago they were planning for Teen Read Week in October. The theme was Get Active @ Your Library! They decided that instead of a program for teens, they wanted to offer a library festival for families. They designed and ran a number of games and crafts. The festival has been an annual event ever since, with last year's attendance swelling to 250. The festival, along with the other volunteer duties the teens assume during the year, gives the community an opportunity to observe teens at their best, working very hard to produce a good program.

In addition to increased teen programming, the library continues to focus on developing a good quality collection of books and magazines for teens. Last year, in recognition of Teen Read Week, the library system unveiled its expanded graphic novel collection. Although some graphic novels may look like a simple comic book, they are far more, with intricate plotting and character development and story lines carried forward by skilled drawings. In fact, in 2007 a graphic novel, *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang, won the coveted Printz Award, which recognizes excellence in young adult literature.

The latest addition to teen programming has been the implementation of gaming programs at the library. In recognition of the benefits of gaming, especially for teens, several branches, including Cedar Lake, are offering programs that feature PlayStation games, including Dance Dance Revolution and Guitar Hero. These programs, along with the many other teen programs offered throughout the year, help teens develop positive values, along with a number of skills, including peer to peer learning and teaching, social competencies, constructive use of time, decision making, and problem solving skills. And teens understand that they are welcome @ their library!

Linda Johnsen
Cedar Lake Branch Manager

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Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE DISCUSSION

Nov. 1-30, Harold Kushner's book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, provides a reasonable and comforting response to the question – "Why me?" To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions, visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

TEACHER LINK

Nov. 5, Mon. from 1pm to 3pm Middle school and high school teachers have been invited, through their principals, to attend a professional development workshop focusing on the library's informational databases. These authoritative resources, beneficial to teachers planning as well as students conducting research, are easily accessible online by resident library card holders and their teachers. Reservations required: bsakowski@lakeco.lib.in.us.

GENEALOGY

Nov. 6, Tues. from 10am to Noon Join our Indiana Librarian for a fun class featuring our trio of Genealogy subscription computer databases. Learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Genealogy begins at home. So do your homework and bring your ancestors' names, dates, and places. You'll be surprised how easy it is to search these databases. Who knows who you will find! Seating is limited, so be sure to register by calling ext. 336.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 7, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: MEET THE MOUSE

Nov. 7, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Call ext. 346 to register.

KNITTING

Nov. 7, Wed at 4:30pm Are you a beginning knitter? Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for novices. Participants should bring a skein of yarn with size 10 to 12 knitting needles. Register on ext. 317.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library

readers@lakeco.in.us

FAMILY SAGAS

MEDICARE PART D AND YOU

Nov. 8, Thurs. from 10am to Noon SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) is an organization designed to help seniors and Medicare beneficiaries with information and problems regarding their coverage with Medicare. Volunteers will explain what prescription drug plan next year will entail and will help beneficiaries with current problems. In addition, they will help participants pick a plan for next year. They will also provide information on how to appeal a negative decision by the insurance company. A volunteer will be available to offer information regarding the possibility of obtaining drug coverage through the VA program for veterans who might attend.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Nov. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder. This is the true story of Dr. Paul Farmer, infectious disease specialist, a gifted and utterly charming man who is in love with the world and has set out to do all he can to change it – for the better. Register at ext. 340.

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Nov. 9, Fri. at 10:30am A special guest will join us for this free program co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free event. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for more details.

GREAT DECISIONS

Nov. 13 & 27, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a nationwide nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental, educational organization to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence their lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's discussion is centered on *Helping the World's Endangered Children*. There is a one-time $5 fee to cover costs of briefing book and videos of this monthly program. For further information and to register, call ext. 339.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Nov. 14, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Call ext. 346 to register.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Nov. 21, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence, either in the library or from your home or office. Call ext. 346 to register.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Nov. 28, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attended any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

GARDENING: HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FROM BULBS TO EVERGREENS

Nov. 28, Wed. at 7pm Grower and Gardening Enthusiast Mary Beth

Ask a Librarian

Q: I'm helping my neighbor find military records on his grandfather. Where can I go to find this information?

A: Limited information from Official Military Personnel Files is releasable to the general public without the consent of the veteran or the next-of-kin. If you go to the website for the National Personnel Records center in St. Louis, you will find information on how to obtain these records. You can easily find this site by using Google; type in "national personnel records center st louis" and click on the link. On the left is a link "for the public"and "access to records."

Parry will jump start your preparations for the upcoming holidays with a presentation to insure blossoming plant life and festive greenery for a colorful season. Register at ext. 317.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

[illegible]21 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
[illegible]-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Nov. 7, Wed. at 4pm Teens and tweens, 11 to 18 year olds, are invited to play PS2 games and board games. We will make plans for future programs and have some snacks. Please register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 12, Mon. at 12:30pm Fat, unlovely Roberta Teys has been found seated beside her father's decapitated body. Her first words were –"I did it. And I'm not sorry." Now, she refuses to speak. Inspector Linley (the eighth Earl of Asherton) and Sergeant Barbara Havers, teamed for the first time, find the evidence piled against her, but… Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *A Great Deliverance* by Elizabeth George.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm This biographical novel, *A Thousand Pieces of Gold* by Ruthanne McCunn, travels from Shanghai to San Francisco in the old West. While treasured by her father, 13 year old Lalu Nathoy is sold as a result of the 1871 famine in China. Her journey takes her from a brothel to an American slave merchant, to a saloonkeeper, and finally as a poker game prize. Filled with suspense, her story depicts one woman's fight for dignity in the American West and offers a liberal education for the history of pioneer women.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

SCRABBLE CLUB

Nov. 8, 15, 29, Thurs. at 1pm Adults are invited to join in this weekly gathering of scrabble players. It's a great way to "gobble" up some mentally challenging fun on a crisp fall day. Come on any or each Monday this month. New players are always welcome. Call Bob Mele for additional information.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 21, Wed. at 7pm Precious Ramotswe opens her detective agency to "help people with problems in their lives." She's quickly hired to track down a missing husband, uncover a con man, and search for a missing boy who may have been snatched by witch doctors. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.

GRIFFITH GAB

Nov. 26, Mon. at 1pm Sportswriter Austin Murphy realized that his heavy traveling schedule for *Sports Illustrated* magazine caused him to miss a lot of time with his kids. Wanting to rectify the situation, he proposed that his wife, Lauren, return to work so he could be a stay-at-home dad to their 8 and 6 year olds. He soon found that between cooking, cleaning, scheduling play dates, battling the kids' colds and school head lice inspections, staying at home is anything but the easier option. Join us for a discussion of one dad's "time off" after reading *How Tough Could It Be: The Trials and Errors of A Sportswriter Turned Stay-at-Home Dad.*

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of TAB (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants (12 and older) will earn volunteer time.

SCRAP BOOKING

Nov. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2 page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. Refreshments will be served. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class.

RISE UP READING

Nov. 12, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will celebrate *Children's Book Week* as they participate in a variety of fun activities. Children may wear their pajamas to this special story time.

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HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Nov. 13, Tues. at 2pm Preview this fascinating film chronicling the life of Amelia Earhart, a pioneer in aviation, and the remarkable publicity machine that kept her constantly in the limelight. Refreshments will be served.

AUTHOR'S VISIT: FROM IDEA TO BOOK

Nov. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm Author Peggy Archer will share her books and discuss the process of writing, illustrating, and publishing. She is the writer of such books as *One of the Family*, the story about the new baby in a family; *Turkey Surprise*, a fun story for Thanksgiving; and *From Dawn to Dreams*, which is her latest beautifully illustrated book of poetry for young children. Join the fun while you learn about writing and publishing.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Nov. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan. In a departure from her usual mother-daughter tales, Tan offers a story, based on fact, about a group of friends traveling overseas who mysteriously and ominously disappear. This often amusing account is narrated from heaven by another friend who was supposed to serve as guide for the trip, until she was murdered shortly before the departure date.

GAME FEST

Nov. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages (5 and under must be accompanied by an adult) will play a variety of games, including some with the library parachute. Take turns with Playstation games, including Guitar Hero and DDR, and craft a game to take home.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Nov. 27, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will begin their journey through Florida in Miami, then off to the "Keys," and on to Cape Canaveral to visit the home of NASA, before heading on to St. Augustine and Daytona. After a trek through the Everglades, they will end their trip in the Bahamas. Refreshments will be served.

TEEN GAME FEST

Nov. 28, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens (11 and older) will enjoy open play and may compete in a tournament. Play DDR, Guitar Hero, and a variety of board games. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

Staff Recommends...Books

Stoner & Spaz by Ron Koertge

"'I'm a spaz, in case you hadn't noticed.' Colleen responds 'Don Scholli is in a wheelchair, and he's Mr. High School. Karen Radley's practically deaf, and she still plays drums in some garage band. Doris Schumacher's blind, but all you have to do is say one word to her and she knows who you are. Get over yourself, okay?' Colleen and Ben are 'honest' friends and very direct with each other in dealing with their physical and emotional issues. A good read for boys and girls. There is some strong language used."

VM/Dyer-Schererville

The Dazzle of Day by Molly Gloss.

"Writing in a style reminiscent of Ursula Le Guin, Gloss describes an emigration from earth to another planet as it develops over several generations. Although the journey that the travelers face is unique, the stresses that they experience have been shared by pioneers from many places and many eras."

SA/Systems

Remedies and Rituals: Folk Medicine in Norway and the New Land by Kathleen Stokker

"Turpentine in milk for a cough? Carbolic acid poured into a wound to heal it? Have a sore throat? Dip a lump of sugar in kerosene and suck on it. This fascinating book will surprise you with the ways people tried to cure themselves, and sometimes the cures worked!"

JB/Reference

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer classes on using the mouse, basic computers, and navigating the Internet will be available throughout the month. Please call the library at 838-2394 for dates and times and to register.

HISTORY VIDEO

Nov. 5, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we watch the story of the Vanderbilt family, once called the most powerful family in America, on the big screen. The film traces their escapades from the 1800's when Cornelius Vanderbilt made his fortune in shipping, through the dynasty's disgrace in the 1900's. Refreshments will be served. Register.

CRIMEWATCH

Nov. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police Department will hold their bi-monthly Crimewatch meeting at the Highland Library. No registration is necessary, though you can call the library for further details.

CROSSROADS

Nov. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Locally created public art will be featured by Tom Torluemke, co-owner of Uncle Freddy's Gallery. He will discuss his stunning mural, "Jesus Speaks to the Children," which he created for Andrean High School. He will also discuss future projects for the Indianapolis Airport and classes offered at Uncle Freddy's Gallery. Refreshments will be served. Register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Nov. 8, Thurs. from 5:30pm to 7pm Members of Highland's Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (7th through 12th grade), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and young children. Participants earn volunteer time.

SEWING CLUB

Nov. 12, Mon. and Nov. 15, Thurs. at 6pm Adults and teens can

join the fun of sewing. On Monday (Nov. 12), the group will work on sewing projects. Call the library to learn what to bring. On Thursday (Nov. 15) sewing club members will swap leftover materials. Bring your own portable machine, scissors, thread, and whatever project you are working on. Register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 13, Tues. at 2pm In the novel *No Country for Old Men*, Llewelyn Moss is drawn into a violent confrontation when he stumbles upon a bloody massacre, a cache of heroin, and more than $2 million in cash during a hunting trip. Refreshments will be served. Register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 14, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

STAMP CAMP

Nov. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up!'s Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Nov. 19, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we explore the sights and sounds of Illinois on the big screen. We will visit Chicago, the Rialto Theater in Joliet, historic Galena, Springfield, and the Superman Museum in Metropolis. Refreshments will be served. Register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Nov. 26, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Join us as we watch *Snow Falling on Cedars*, a haunting tale of love undone by societal pressures and familial customs. This feature, starring Ethan Hawke and Youki Kudoh, will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Register.

DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Nov. 29 & 30, Thurs. & Fri. from 12:30pm to 4:30pm Hal Schaller will teach the AARP Driver Safety Class, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver. Participants in the two day class may be eligible to receive insurance discounts. There is a $10 fee due at the time of class. Registration is required.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 29, Thurs. at 7pm Join in this discussion of Don Winslow's cagey mystery, *Death and Life of Bobby Z.* To escape a life of hard time, a petty criminal agrees to impersonate a legendary drug lord as part of a government scheme to rescue a federal agent.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

[illegible] N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
[illegible]2-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

MASQUERADE BALL

Nov. 10, Sat. from 2pm to 4:30pm Teens (14 to 18 years of age) are invited to attend a Masquerade Ball – an afternoon of food, fun and, of course, mystery! Each person in attendance must have a mask. Expect trivia questions about Melissa DeLaCruz's book, *Masquerade: A Blue Bloods Novel,* and prizes will be awarded to teens with the right answers.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 13, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

SWEET SIXTEEN

Nov. 14, Wed. at 4pm Can't wait to turn 16? Have you already turned 16 and had a fabulous party? Teens (14 to 18 years of age) are invited to join us for a screening of *Sixteen Candles*, rated PG. Share your stories about turning or wanting to turn 16, while watching the movie and snacking on party food. Register.

TEEN GAMING DAY

Nov. 17, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Time for another Guitar Hero and DDR gaming day for Teens and Tweens (10 to 18 year olds). Jam with our Red Octane controllers, or dance away to hit songs. If these games don't interest you, then sort through our pile of board games and puzzles for a different kind of fun. Refreshments will be provided.

BOOK CHAT

Nov. 20, Tues. at 2pm Don O'Brien's *The Contract Surgeon* is a story told by Dr. Valentine Mcgillycuddy, who was a contracted surgeon for the army in the 1870's. This drama is based on his real life friendship with Crazy Horse. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 27, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Nov. 7, Wed. at 7pm Dr. William Nelson of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Die Frau Ohne Schatten* by Richard Strauss. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights. Please contact the library for possible location change.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 15, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. Please contact the library for possible location change.

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EXPLORE ROME

Nov. 15, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Situated halfway down Italy's western coast, Rome is a vast city with a historic heart. Once a few villages, Rome became the greatest city of the ancient world. Start your exploration of the city at the Forum, visit Michelangelo's beautiful Piazza Campiodoglio, stroll through the charming Trastevere, then complete your tour at the Pantheon, one of Rome's great ancient buildings and the resting-place of Raphael. Please contact the library for possible location change.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

Nov. 27, Tues. at 1:30pm or 7pm This is the last session in the five-part series Between Two Worlds: *Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming*. Series scholar, Rabbi Michael Stevens, will lead a discussion of *Out of Egypt* by Andre Aciman. This memoir follows the fortunes of Aciman's close-knit Jewish family through 50 years of residence in Alexandria. It begins with their arrival from Turkey in 1905 and ends with their expulsion following the 1956 invasion of Suez. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Munster Branch or may be reserved at any Lake County Public Library location. Please register and contact the library for possible location change.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Nov. 29, Thurs. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to discuss *The Distance from Normandy* by Jonathan Hull. Unable to cope with the loss of his beloved wife of cancer, World War II veteran Mead is haunted by painful memories and journeys through Europe with his rebellious and emotionally troubled teenage grandson. Please contact the library for possible location change.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Nov. 29, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Tempest* by Shakespeare, a selection from the *Fourth Series of Great Books*. Please contact the library for possible location change.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Nov. 5, Mon. at 1pm *The Party's Over* follows actor Philip Seymour Hoffman on a journey through American politics. As a concerned citizen he asks the question that matters to many voters – does my vote really count? View behind-the-scenes footage of activists, politicians and celebrities such as Susan Sarandon, Pat Robertson, Eddie Vedder, and Rudi Giuliani. This film is for mature audiences

and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Runtime: 82 minutes. In English. Refreshments served.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Nov. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

STAMP CAMP

Nov. 13, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an expressive hour or two demonstrating your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials, which is due at the time of class. Registration required.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Nov. 14, Wed. at 7pm Enjoy an exciting air-boat ride through the Everglades, snorkeling in Key Largo, and swimming with dolphins in Islamorada in a one-hour cruise video of the Florida Keys. Refreshments provided.

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

Nov. 28 or 29, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Will Lightman excels at avoiding attachments, but when he starts using single parents' groups to get dates, he ends up entangled in the life of 12 year old Marcus, the bright and somewhat weird son of one of the group's moms. Readers are invited to discuss Nick Hornby's *About a Boy*.

John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

SIT & KNIT

Nov. 7, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

STAMP CLASS

Nov. 12, Mon. at 6:30pm Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! will assist participants in creating two or three projects using rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, due at the time of class. Register.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Nov. 13, Tues. at 10:15am *One for the Money* is Janet Evanovich's first foray into her now very popular mystery series about a hapless bounty hunter, Stephanie Plum in Trenton, NJ. The book is available at the circulation desk. Join in an entertaining discussion of the adventures of a charming, young, sometimes bumbling, inexperienced, female bounty hunter and the family, friends, and business associates who make up such delightful characters in her life.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Nov. 13, Tues. at 1:30pm Starting with a vaudeville show in Chicago, Jack Benny eventually became one of America's best loved performers on radio and television. Viewers will explore the twists and turns of Benny's life and career in an A & E video biography. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

All locations of the Lake County Public Library will observe normal operating hours on November 12, 2007-Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day, all LCPL locations will be closed

Highlighting the Life and Times Of...KING TUT

November 4 marks the 85th anniversary of an event which stirred people's imaginations as have few others in recent history: the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen, popularly known as King Tut, by archaeologist Howard Carter. Carter had searched for the tomb for six years, and it well rewarded his efforts. Over 5,000 objects were found in it, many made of gold or other precious materials, and many of great artistic worth. The gorgeous golden death mask covering the head and shoulders of the royal mummy in particular has become a symbol of ancient Egyptian art. Though his reign was not historically important, nor was he particularly memorable as an individual, his tomb has made him one of the most famous of Egypt's pharaohs. It is unique in that it was found virtually intact; for over 3,000 years it had remained undiscovered by grave robbers or anyone else. Tutankhamen ruled from about 1347 B.C. until his death in 1339 B.C. at the age of 19. Perhaps the most significant act he performed was to restore the "old religion" of Egypt. One of his immediate predecessors had decreed that only the god Aten should be worshipped; the great sun god Amun and the other traditional gods were abolished. This provoked so much hostility from the people (especially Amun's priests) that four years after his accession Tutankhamen restored the worship of Amun. Eventually he was succeeded by Horemheb, who destroyed or removed all works honoring those who had ever accepted the worship of Aten, including Tutankhamen. This may explain why so little is known about him and his rule. However, his relative anonymity may also have preserved his tomb and its treasures for our edification and enjoyment.

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Tutankhamen will be found on the Upper Level during the month of November.

Treasures of Tutankhamun, National Gallery of Art, Field Museum of Natural History, etc. (709.32074 TREA)

The Tomb of Tutankhamen by Howard Carter (913.3203 CART)

Tutankhamun's Tomb: The Thrill of Discovery by Harry Burton (932.014 BURT)

The Golden King: The World of Tutankhamun by Zahi A. Hawass (932.014 HAWA)

The Complete Tutankhamun: The King, the Tomb, the Royal Treasure by C. N. Reeves (932.014 REEV)

Tutankhamen: The Life and Death of a Boy King by Christine El-Mahdy (B TUT ELMA)

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AARP

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Interested volunteers can reach Lynn Waltz at 219-838-2794 or at LW8615@netzero.net.

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MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 5 through Nov. 27, Monday or Tuesday, at 9:30am or 10:30am Young children, 6 to 35 months of age accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy rhymes, songs, and brief stories in this 30 minute lap-sit program. Be sure to register for the time and date that best suits your schedule for this 4 week program at ext. 360.

MAGIC TREE HOUSE: *THANKSGIVING ON THURSDAY*

Nov. 8, Thurs. from 4pm to 5pm School age children, kindergarten and up, can join Jack and Annie in their adventures in the "Magic Tree House" for Thanksgiving and all their other destinations. There will be stories, crafts, and some time travel activities. Register at ext. 360.

RISE UP READING

Nov. 15, Thurs. from 4pm to 5pm Children, ages 3 through 10, will celebrate loads of great books and think of their own children's book of the future, as we celebrate *Children's Book Week*. The children can participate in their own book exchange and bring up to 10 books they want to trade for other lightly used books. Register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

HAPPY HANGER

Nov. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children (kindergarten and up) will make a special hanger for their clothes closet. Please register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK SPECIAL FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Nov. 13, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate *Children's Book Week* by listening to the story of *Jack & the Beanstalk*. Then, they will make a Jack of their own. Please register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK SPECIAL FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Nov. 14, Wed. at 4:30pm School age children (kindergarten and up) will celebrate *Children's Book Week* by listening to the story of *Jack & the Beanstalk*, then plant a magic bean of their own. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

STORY & A MOVIE NIGHT

Nov. 2, Fri. at 4pm The whole family will enjoy a story and movie with popcorn and snacks. Bring your pillows and blankets! Call the library for details at 980-5180.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Tues. at 11am Young children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, are invited for this lap-sit program to sing songs, learn rhymes, and hear stories all geared toward early childhood development. Please Register.

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TEEN GAME NIGHT

Nov. 7, Wed. at 4pm Teens and tweens, 11 to 18 year olds, are invited to play PS2 games and board games. We will make plans for future programs and have some snacks. Please register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION- NATIVE AMERICAN STORIES

Nov. 14, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will listen to Native American stories, play games and make a craft. Register.

Griffith Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 5 & 19, Mon. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy this lap-sit program using rhymes and rhythms of Mother Goose. Register.

FRIENDS OF POOH

Nov. 7, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will make fruit honey after listening to the story in which *Pooh Goes Visiting* and gets into a tight place. Register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK FUN FOR TODDLERS

Nov. 12, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will make a banner book to take home and share train stories to celebrate *Children's Book Week.* Register.

PRE-SCHOOL *CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK* SPECIAL

Nov. 13, Tues. at 1pm or Nov. 15, Fri. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will create a pop-up book to take home. Register.

HARRY POTTER NIGHT

Nov. 13, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens & Tweens (12 to 18 year olds) will test their knowledge of Harry! You are encouraged to dress as your favorite character for the evening. Register.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Nov. 14, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will write their own book in a bottle! Register.

WINTER TREES

Nov. 28, Wed. at 3:30pm Trees are important in every season. School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will create their own trees from paper bags that look a lot like the ones seen in the *Wizard of Oz*. Register.

Cedar Lake Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months, accompanied by a care giver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of TAB (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants (12 and older) will earn volunteer time.

SCHOOL AGE STORY TIME – AHOY, MATEY!

Nov. 8, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will explore the Seven Seas as they hear stories about pirates, complete a craft, and search for hidden treasure.

CHESS

Nov. 12, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

RISE UP READING – *CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK* FUN

Nov. 12, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will celebrate *Children's Book Week* as they participate in a variety of fun activities. Everyone may wear their pajamas to this special story time.

PRE-SCHOOL RISE UP READING!

Nov. 13, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm It's *National Children's Book Week* and we are thankful for good books! Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, music activities, and a craft.

AUTHOR VISIT: FROM IDEA TO BOOK, CELEBRATING *CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK*

Nov. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm Peggy Archer will share her books and discuss the process of writing, illustrating, and publishing. Peggy is the author of *One of the Family*, a story about the new baby in a family; *Turkey Surprise*, a fun story for Thanksgiving; and *From Dawn to Dreams*, which is her latest beautifully illustrated book of poetry for young children. Join the fun while you learn about writing and publishing.

FAMILY GAME FEST

Nov. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Family members of all ages (5 and under must be accompanied by an adult) will play a variety of games, including some with the library parachute! Take a turn with Playstation games, including Guitar Hero and DDR. Then, create a game to take home.

FAREWELL TO FALL

Nov. 27, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and a craft in this story hour dedicated to the end of fall and the start of winter.

TEEN GAME FEST

Nov. 28, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens (11 and older) will enjoy open play and may compete in a tournament. Play DDR, Guitar Hero, and a variety of board games. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, & Dec. 4, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 6 to 35 months accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement, which includes both adult and child participation. Register.

BUSY BEES

Nov. 7, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories and participate in "pocket" activities, finger plays, and simple songs. They will make a pocket to take home. Register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Nov. 8, Thurs. from 5:30pm to 7pm Members of Highland's Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (7th through 12th grade), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants earn volunteer time.

TODDLERS: KISS & MAKE IT BETTER

Nov. 12, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds, accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy stories about minor injuries and comforting kisses, active songs, and related activities during this ½ hour lap-sit story time. Register.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 13, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will decorate canvas book bags using special paints. Register.

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BUSY BEES

Nov. 21, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories and participate in Thanksgiving activities, finger plays, and simple songs. They will make a project to take home. Register.

TODDLERS: GOLDILOCKS

Nov. 26, Mon. at 10:30am The antics of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* will be featured during this story time for two year olds accompanied by their care givers. Register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

STAMPIN'UP!

Nov. 5, Mon. at 6:30pm School age children, 4th grade and up, will join Stampin'Up! consultant Stacey Pagan as she demonstrates how to make 2 cards and a 3- D project. There is a $5 fee per child to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of the program. Registration is required by Nov. 1st. Call 942-2243.

THANKSGIVING TODDLER STORY TIME

Nov. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am In this half-hour story time, toddlers (ages 24 to 35 months of age), accompanied by a care giver, will hear Thanksgiving stories, participate in songs and finger plays, and make a simple Thanksgiving craft. Register.

MASQUERADE BALL

Nov. 10, Sat. from 2pm to 4:30pm Teens (14 to 18 years of age) are invited to attend a Masquerade Ball – an afternoon of food, fun and, of course, mystery! Each person in attendance must have a mask. Expect trivia questions about Melissa DeLaCruz's book, *Masquerade: A Blue Bloods Novel,* with prizes awarded to teens with the right answers.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Nov. 13, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Nov. 14, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear award-winning stories, and participate in songs and finger plays. They will also participate in a book craft. Register.

SWEET SIXTEEN

Nov. 14, Wed. at 4pm Can't wait to turn 16? Have you already turned 16 and had a fabulous party? Teens (14 to 18 years of age) are invited to join us for a screening of *Sixteen Candles*, rated PG. Share your stories about turning or wanting to turn 16, while watching the movie and snacking on party food. Register.

AUTHOR VISIT: FROM IDEA TO BOOK, CELEBRATING *CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK*

Nov. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm Peggy Archer will share her books and discuss the process of writing, illustrating, and publishing with school age children (kindergarten to grade 4). Peggy is the author of *One of the Family*, a story about the new baby in a family; *Turkey Surprise*, a fun story for Thanksgiving; and *From Dawn to Dreams*, which is her latest and is a beautifully illustrated book of poetry for young children. Join the fun while you learn about writing and publishing.

TEEN GAMING DAY

Nov. 17, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Time for another Guitar Hero and DDR gaming day for teens and tweens (10 to 18 year olds). Jam with our Red Octane controllers, or dance away to hit songs. If these games don't interest you, then sort through our pile of board games and puzzles for a different kind of fun. Refreshments will be provided.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

RISE UP READING

Nov. 12, Mon. at 6pm Celebrate *Children's Book Week* at your new Lake Station-New Chicago library! School age children (kinder-

garten and up) will make door hangers and participate in a get-to-know your new library scavenger hunt. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Nov. 14, Wed. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can participate in a special *Children's Book Week* story time. This story time will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Register.

TIP TOP TWO'S

Nov. 16, Fri. at 10:30am Young children, ages 18 to 35 months olds, accompanied by a care giver, can attend this special lap sit story time to celebrate *Children's Book Week*. Included will be stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 1, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher will begin with helping to plan upcoming events and/or sign-ups for volunteer time. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. Can't come that day? Ideas and suggestions are welcome, too. Please contact Brittany Spencer with your ideas.

READING BUDDIES

Nov. 2 & 16, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center (1101 Park Drive, Munster), this **off-site** story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE & BEN

Nov. 7, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will discuss and maybe even learn some of the more interesting facts about our founding fathers.

TERRIFIC 2'S & 3'S

Nov. 12 & 26, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a care giver, are invited to this 30-45 minute story time. The themes for this month are: rise up reading and alphabet soup. Each program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

SCENE IT

Nov. 13, Tues. at 4:30pm Calling all students currently in 5th grade or higher! Test your movie memories with a couple rounds of the game "Scene It." Snacks and laughs guarantee an enjoyable program.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 14 & 28, Wed. at 10:30am Children, 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, are invited to join in our sessions with rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 14, Wed. at 4pm Children of all ages are welcome to a program featuring award-winning books and great fun. Come dressed as your favorite book character and enter the costume contest for great prizes.

FLICKS & FUN

Nov. 17, Sat. at 2pm Enjoy a movie on the big screen at the library. Disney's *Pocahontas* will be shown for children of all ages. Personal munchies are allowed, but clean-up is required. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The movie is rated G, with a running time of 81 minutes.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Nov. 20, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to a story time which will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. This month's theme is "alphabet soup."

DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Nov. 21, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will test the limits of measurement and defy boundaries.

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ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

KNIT & PURL FOR KIDS

Nov. 1 & 15, Thurs. from 6pm to 7:30pm Children, 10 years of age and older, who already have some knowledge of knit and purl stitches, will enjoy an evening of knitting. Participants will need to bring yarn and needles and must have attended the first class in October in order to continue with this group. Call 322-4731 for further details.

SWAPPING GOOD SWEETS

Nov. 3, Sat. at 1pm Did you go Trick-or-Treating and receive sweets that aren't your favorite? Do you have sweets in your cupboard that aren't getting eaten? Then bring them to the "swap meet" and trade for something you like and see a movie while enjoying your traded treats. All sweets must be wrapped in original packaging. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 6, 13 & 20, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Very young children, ages 6 to 30 months, accompanied by a care giver, are invited to a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Registration required.

COOK-A-BOOK TEA PARTY

Nov. 14, Wed. at 2pm or 6:30pm School age children (kindergarten and up) will read *Alice in Wonderland* and have a magical tea party. They will also play a musical tea pot game and create a tea pot craft. Register.

RISE UP READING!

Nov. 15, Thurs. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children will celebrate *Children's Book Week* by reading stories and singing songs about morning time activities. Then it's time to view a short film and create a simple craft. Register.

CHESS KNIGHT

Nov. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and up) are invited to learn or play chess, while developing new strategies. Feel free to bring a friend, whether a beginner or advanced player, to this event.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Nov. 13, Tues. at 10:30am or Nov. 14, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to the library to celebrate *Children's Book Week* with stories, finger plays, musical activities, and a craft. Register.

STAMPING FOR *NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK*

Nov. 17, Sat. from 1pm to 2pm To celebrate *Children's Book Week*, children, ages 8 and older, will enjoy creating projects with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! There is a $3 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials. Register.

PRE-SCHOOL THANKSGIVING

Nov. 19, Mon. at 1:30pm or Nov. 20, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft for the Thanksgiving national holiday. Register.

NOVEMBER 12 - 18, 2007

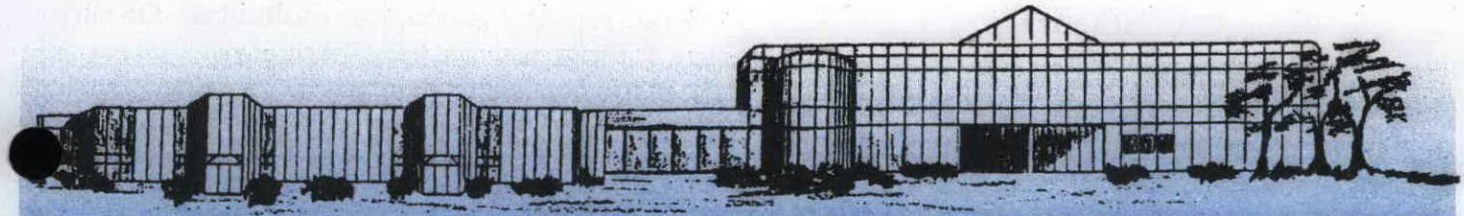
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

BOOK WEEK IS MOVING FORWARD!!!

LOOK FOR NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK EARLIER NEXT YEAR–MAY 12 - 18, 2007

All locations of the Lake County Public Library will observe normal operating hours on November 12, 2007-Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day, all LCPL locations will be closed



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2007 HAPPENINGS@your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us
editor Jennifer Burnison

I RESOLVE TO WATCH MORE TELEVISION

It's that time of year again—time to think about New Year's Resolutions.

UGH! I am a happily married mother of two young girls and I work full-time here at the library. I have a million and one things going through my head at all times. My life is busy and hectic and I am forever beating myself up about the birthday card I should have sent last week, the laundry I should have done before work, and the candy bar I shouldn't have eaten last night. My resolution choice should be obvious, but I've made *those resolutions* before. Where have they gotten me? Miserable.

In the song *Everybody's Free (To Wear Sunscreen)*, Baz Luhrmann says, "Do NOT read beauty magazines, they will only make you feel ugly." This year I am resolving to follow his train of thought. I am resolving to stop beating myself up. I'm going to be kinder to myself and I'm going to watch more TV. Yes, I am going to watch more television. Let me explain…

One of the joys of my job is getting to see all of the new material when it comes in. We have been getting a slew of new TV shows lately. My boss and I were opening boxes and each sharing memories about particular shows. I was so excited when I saw that we had gotten *The Muppet Show*. I remember how it used to make me laugh to see Kermit, Miss Piggy, and the crew dancing and singing. We also received the *Brady Bunch*, and much as I cringe at the thought of watching it now, I used to love watching re-runs when I was growing up.

So this year, I plan on allowing myself to sit back and watch TV with my family. Everyone talks about how there is nothing on TV and how terrible it is for the mind, but I disagree. I have pretty fond memories of sitting 'round the tube' with my family, and I want my own children to have those memories, too.

Come into the library and stroll down memory lane with me through the TV Show aisle. We've got new shows, too, over 1,300 of them, in fact. The best part—these are commercial free!

To browse our collection from home, simply go to www.lakeco.lib.in.us and click on "Search the Library Catalog." Using the basic search, in the subject key word box type:

Television Programs Video Recordings.

Happy New Year!
Julie Bradford the AV Librarian

These are just a few of our most requested shows:

Boston Legal
CSI
Dawson's Creek
Dirty Jobs
Everybody Loves Raymond
Grey's Anatomy
Heroes
JAG
Law and Order
Little House on the Prairie
Lost
Monk
The Office
Six Feet Under
The Simpsons
Sopranos
Ugly Betty

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Winter Holiday Closings:

All locations of the Lake County Public Library will close at 5 pm December 7, 2007.

Monday & Tuesday
December 24-25

Monday
December 31, at 5 pm

Tuesday
January 1, 2008

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE DISCUSSION

December -Inspirational writer, Marjorie Holmes, has collected vignettes of Christmases past that recapture the warm glow of the season. To remember those happy times, read one or more of the poems, prayers or stories contained within *At Christmas the Hearty Goes Home: A Holiday Treasury*. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information about the online book discussions visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions Discussion program will be hiatus for December and January. Watch for the announcement for the new series of subjects in the February issue of *Happenings*! Any questions, call ext. 339.

GENEALOGY SEARCH

Dec. 4, Tues. from 10am to Noon The library provides a trio of Genealogy databases: Ancestry Online, Heritage Quest Online, and ProQuest Obituaries. Join in this class to learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Seating is limited, please be sure to register at ext. 334.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 5, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS

Dec. 5, Wed. 2pm or 6pm Meet the Mouse is for beginning computer users who will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Registration required, call ext. 346.

KNITTING

Dec. 12, Wed. at 11am Instructor Judith Arand provides a very relaxed session for those with basic knitting skills or who are in need of assistance on a particularly difficult pattern. Participants should bring a skein of yarn with size 10 to 12 knitting needles, or the project they are already knitting. Please call ext. 317 to register.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library

readers@lakeco.in.us

Glitter and Glamour:
movie stars and other celebrities

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Dec. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Registration required, call ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS

Dec. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm Please join us to discuss your favorite book(s) of the past year! We'll also take a look at our *Circle of Readers* selections for 2008.

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Dec. 14, Fri. at 9:30am Celebrate the season during this free event co-sponsored with Centier Bank 50 Advantage Club featuring holiday music by the *Hoosier Grandpas*. Anyone 50 years of age and older is invited. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for more details.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Dec. 19, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate p and audio-visual materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence, either in the library or from your home or office. Please call ext. 346 to register.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm*

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm Carol Higgins Clark's sleuth Regan Reilly meets Mary Higgins Clark's sleuth Alvirah Meehan at a New Jersey dentist's office and they join forces

Ask a librarian

Q: I'm looking for contemporary news articles about the circus train crash near Hammond in the early twentieth century. Can you tell me the date and do you have any papers on microfilm with articles on the crash?

A: Searching the internet for "circus train crash Hammond Indiana", we find the date June 22, 1918. Our Periodicals department has the New York Times index going back to 1851. Looking in the volume for 1918, you will find articles on the crash in the June 23rd, 24th, 26th and 27th papers. We have the New York Times on microfilm back to 1851 and we also have the Hammond Times on microfilm back to 1906. Any patron can come to the Periodicals department and look at any article and print out whatever they need.

after they learn that Regan's father has been kidnapped. Jack Reilly must return from Christmas vacation to deal with the inept kidnappers. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Deck the Halls* by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark.

TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 12, Wed. at 4pm Kids 11 years of age and older are invited to play games and make a holiday craft. Please register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm*

SCRABBLE CLUB

Dec. 3, Mon., Dec. 12 and 26, Wed. at 1pm Do you enjoy playing the game of Scrabble? Adults are invited to join us for our weekly gathering of Scrabble players. It's a great way to warm up to some mentally challenging fun on a cold winter day. New players are always welcome! Feel free to call Bob Mele for additional information.

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

Dec. 4, 11 & 18, Tues. at 6pm Do you enjoy the classic black & white movies of the 1940s? Join us for one of these top rated films on Tuesday nights this month. Presented will be: *Casablanca* (1942), followed by *Arsenic and Old Lace* (1944) and finally *Citizen Kane* (1941). The movies will begin promptly at 6pm. Coffee and cookies will be served. The films have not been rated by the MPAA due to their release dates.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Dec. 13, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Register to participate in a Mouse Basics class for people with little or no computer skills. The class concentrates on effectively moving and "clicking" the mouse and learning important parts of the keyboard. Registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Dec. 13, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Basic Windows training will enable you to use computers at the library: using a mouse, opening and closing programs, minimizing, and so on. Registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Dec. 13, Thurs. from 3pm to 5pm Learn what can be found on the Internet and how you can find information on the World Wide Web through search engines. Knowledge of 'Basic Windows' is prerequisite. Please register.

GRIFFITH GAB

Dec. 17, Mon. at 1pm Every holiday season for 10 years, Billy Romp, his wife, and their 3 children have spent nearly a month living in a tiny camper and selling Christmas trees on Jane Street in New York City. For this family, the Christmas tree business is a serious business and a good season can make the year for them. What happens when the oldest child, Ellie, tests her wings outside of this close-knit family? How does this one person's transformation within a family affect the whole and make a difference within the community? Join us for a discussion of *Christmas on Jane Street: A True Story* by Billy Romp.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 19, Wed. at 7pm Trying to get from L.A. to Washington in time for Christmas by train because of a slight misunderstanding at airport security, disillusioned journalist Tom Landgon enters into a journey of self-discovery and screwball escapades. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of David Baldacci's novel, *The Christmas Train*.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133rd Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

CHOCOLATE GALORE & MORE!

Dec. 1, Sat. at 1pm Teens (12 and older) will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for the library

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holiday programs in December. Create, eat, have fun, and earn volunteer time.

SCRAP BOOKING

Dec. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2 page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. Refreshments will be served. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Space is limited. Registration is required.

HOLIDAY PIZZAZZ

Dec. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm All ages will welcome the holiday season with stories, music, a puppet show, and more. Storytellers from the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild will delight participants with a variety of fun stories. The Puppetteers will entertain with a puppet show, and everyone will make an ornament to take home.

HISTORY VIDEO

Dec. 11, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will learn about a daring raid in *One Hour Over Tokyo: The Doolittle Raid*, which presents the plan to boost American morale, but which had unforeseen strategic benefits as well. In the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, Commander Jimmy Doolittle devised a bold plan to get a measure of revenge while raising American morale. Survivors talk about their legendary commander, their historic mission, and the pact they made. Refreshments will be served.

GAMES GALORE & MORE!

Dec. 17, Mon. at 4pm Teens (11 and older) will eat, play a variety of games, and win prizes as they celebrate the season. They may also play DDR, Guitar Hero, and other PlayStation games.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Dec. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut. This classic tells the story of Billy Pilgrim, as an 'unstuck in time.' As he moves back and forth through his life, we learn of his childhood, marriage and family, but mostly about his experiences during WWII, which are based on Vonnegut's own as a soldier and then POW.

Interested in hearing about what's going on @ your library?

The next *Friends* meeting will be on
December 11 at 1 p.m.
at the Central Library in Merrillville.

The public is always welcome.

Staff Recommends

Literature Databases

Literary Reference Center

Literary Reference Center (LRC) - is a comprehensive database that provides users information on thousands of authors and their works. It is a full text database that combines information from more than 10,000 plot summaries, synopses and work overviews.

Literature Resource Center

Literature Resource Center provides access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline. This database covers more than 120,000 novelists, poets, essayists, journalists, and other writers, with in-depth coverage of 2,500 of the most-studied authors.

NoveList

NoveList is an electronic readers' advisory resource which assists fiction readers in finding new authors and titles. Users can also browse over 1,200 theme-oriented booklists, 150 award-lists and 1,000 fiction related websites.

Whether you are a teacher, student, book discussion leader or avid reader these databases are packed with literary information.

Please contact your local library or the Reference Department at the Central Library, 769-3541 for more information.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO

Dec. 3, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm The name Astor conjures up images of the good life, but money is no guarantee of stability or happiness. Join us as we watch *The Astors: High Society*, the biography of the fortunes of five generations of this family. Please register.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm Enjoy Christmas stories, games, and music, as we sample our favorite Christmas cookies and share the recipes with others. Registration is requi and a copy of your recipe should be submitted by Nov. 19 to insure time to duplicate and compile all recipes. Participants should bring 3 dozen (36) homemade cookies from their submitted recipe to share on the night of this program.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 6, Thurs. at 2pm Pastor Sam Gardner of Harmony, IN has determined that this Christmas he will not be lacking in a gift for his wife. He signs up for a scrap booking class to make her a gift she won't forget. Through a series of mishaps, the good people of Harmony enjoy a Christmas no one will soon forget in *The Christmas Scrapbook* by Phillip Gulley.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: WEST VIRGINIA

Dec. 10, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Join us as we take a look at people and places in West Virginia. Through the film, we will visit New River Gorge, the Tamarack craft fair, a coal mine, and the annual Marble Fest at Cairo. Please register.

BOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 12, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

ADULT SEWING CLUB

Dec. 12, Wed., Dec. 18, Tues. at 6pm Join the fun of sewing with friends. Joanna Smith instructs participants in different sewing projects. Bring your portable sewing machine and scissors. If you need help with a project, you may bring that as well. Please register.

CROSSROADS – HOLIDAY MUSIC BY ROUTE 66

Dec. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am Deck the halls with the a cappella sounds of Route 66! Join us for a festive morning of holiday songs with fresh new arrangements in this free program co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Non-perishable food donations for a local food shelter will also be accepted.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Dec. 17, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant team up in this classic (George) Cukor comedy about a charming non-conformist who falls in love with his socialite fiancé's free-spirited sister in this presentation of *Holiday*. Please register.

TEEN SEWING CLUB

Dec. 20, Thurs. at 6pm Join the fun of sewing with friends! Joanna Smith will instruct participants in different sewing projects. Bring your portable sewing machine and scissors. If you need help with a project, you may bring that as well. Please register.

TEEN GAMING DAY

Dec. 29, Sat. from 2 to 4pm Teens and tweens, ages 10 to 17, are invited to participate in a gaming day. Participants will compete in DDR and Super Smash Brothers. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm*

HOLIDAY DRAWING CONTEST

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COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 10, Mon. at 1pm Interested participants should being at least 2 dozen cookies, along with copies of the recipes to share with others. Please register by Dec. 7.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 11, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

TEEN FANTASY MOVIE

Dec. 12, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12 and older, are invited to a screening of *Gremlins*, a PG film about an unusual Christmas present. Munchies will be provided.

BOOK CHAT

Dec. 18, Tues. at 2pm Naomi Nickel is a senior in high school who yearns to escape from the oppressive confines of her small Mennonite town. Her home life is falling apart. Her mother and older sister leave the family and town. Her father is in a state of depression selling all of the family furniture. Join us for a complex discussion of *A Complicated Kindness* by Miriam Toews.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm*

Call the **Lake Station-New Chicago Branch** for more information about Happenings@your library.

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Fast Facts @ your library

What are the hours and locations for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Lake County?

The hours of the Indiana auto branch license bureaus in the area are:

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Tuesday:	8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
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LOCATIONS:

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Hobart (219-962-3759), 7840 E. Ridge Road

Merrillville (219-756-0755), 405 W. 80th Place

Schererville (219-322-9126), 1320 Eagle Ridge Dr.

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Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 463*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.h*

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Dec. 5, Wed. at 7pm Penelope Blake of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Doctor Atomic* by John Adams. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

EXPLORE NEW ORLEANS

Dec. 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Founded by the French in 1718, New Orleans was populated with Africans, given to the Spanish, and sold to the Americans. Take a tour of the French Quarter, hop on a streetcar to the outlying Garden District, drive along the Mississippi to visit plantations, and return in time for Mardi Gras. *Please contact the library for possible location change.*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 27, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Dec. 3, Mon. at 1pm When Agata, the popular bookshop proprietor and dispenser of sunny wisdom in the form of books, is suddenly wooed by a man almost half her age, her electricity hits high-voltage. Yet it is her joy and magnetism in the face of life's unfulfilled desires that creates the eye of the cyclone, a haven of love and freedom. *Agata and the Storm* is for the mature audience and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Runtime: 118 minutes. In Italian with English subtitles. Refreshments will be served.

1ST TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Dec. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

STAMP CAMP

Dec. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an expressive hour or two

demonstrating your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

OPEN GAMING

Dec. 13, Thurs. at 6pm Teens (11 and older) will enjoy open play with Guitar Hero and Dance, Dance Revolution (bring a clean pair of socks to play) on PlayStation. A variety of board games will also be available. Please register.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Dec. 19, Wed. at 7pm From flat high desert, across rolling hills to pine forests, lakes and rivers, and miles of coastline beaches, virtual tourists will experience the variety of Texas in a one-hour travel video. Refreshments will be served.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

SIT & KNIT

Dec. 5 & 19, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

STAMP CAMP

Dec. 10, Mon. at 6:30pm Take an hour to express your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Dec. 11, Tues. at 10:15am Robert Lee Hall spins a tale of murder in an old-fashioned mystery with enough clues for the reader to keep guessing. In keeping with the season *Benjamin Franklin and a Case of Christmas Murder* adds colorful elements with holiday decorating and traditional foods. Yet, the cold winds blow after listening to ghost stories when Franklin finds himself investigating a poisoning by a ghost. The reader will enjoy numerous references to actual people and concerns of Franklin during his years in 18th century England.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Dec. 11, Tues. at 1:30pm How did a bishop who was kind to children become a figure of mythic proportions? Viewers will celebrate the history of St. Nicholas and the phenomenon of Santa Claus in an A & E video biography. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

MARGARET MEAD

"I have spent most of my life studying the lives of other peoples- faraway peoples – so that Americans might better understand themselves."

At the time of her death in 1978, Margaret Mead was not only the most famous anthropologist in the world, but also one of its most influential women. Born December 16, 1901, she began her remarkable career in 1925, when as a graduate student she traveled to Samoa to study how adolescence is shaped by cultural expectations. The results of her research were published in 1928 in a book which became and remains a best seller, *Coming of Age in Samoa*. This was the beginning of a prodigious output of work during a long and distinguished academic career, including some 40 books and thousands of articles. Though she taught at a number of institutions, including Columbia University, her primary base of operations was the Department of Anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History. The recipient of many honors, including 28 honorary doctorates, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom following her death.

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Margaret Mead will be found on the Upper Level of the Central Library in Merrillville during the month of December.

Margaret Mead, a Voice for the Century by Robert Cassidy (B MEA CASS)

Margaret Mead: A Life by Jane Howard (B MEA HOWA)

Blackberry Winter: My Earlier Years by Margaret Mead (B MEA MEAD)

Letters from the Field, 1925-1975 by Margaret Mead (B MEA MEAD)

With a Daughter's Eye: A Memoir of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson by Mary Catherine Bateson (306.0924 BATE)

Margaret Mead and Samoa: The Making and Unmaking of an Anthropological Myth by Derek Freeman (306.0996 FREE)

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The AARP is seeking energetic volunteers to assist seniors with their taxes at the Lake County Public Library in Merrillville and its branches. Along with volunteering as a Tax Assistance Counselor, help is needed with answering phones and scheduling appointments.

Interested volunteers can reach Lynn Waltz at 219-838-2794 or at LW8615@netzero.net.

Lakeshore Public Television

Lakeshore Public Television broadcasts to 14 counties in Indiana and Illinois, reaching thousands of people in rural areas, small towns, and major cities. Producing over 300 hours annually, a variety of programming includes weather, sports programming (including college basketball games), and public affairs shows. It also features Northwest Indiana's only local newscast, Lakeshore News Tonight.

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Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

A VERY MERRY PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 3, Mon. at 10am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to a Very Merry Pre-school Christmas Party, where our little guests will be listening to festive Christmas stories, singing holiday songs, eating party snacks, and making ornaments. One ornament will go to decorate their own tree at home and the other to decorate the library's Christmas tree. Please register, ext. 360.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS STORY HOUR

Dec. 3, Mon. at 7pm Children, 3 to 9 years of age, will hear Christmas stories, sing songs, make an ornament, and view a short film. Parents may accompany their child if they wish. Please register at ext. 360.

MOTHER GOOSE WITH JINGLE BELLS

Dec. 4, Tues. at 9:30am or 10:30am Very young children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy a half-hour of songs and stories of the holiday season, along with the sounds of jingle bells. Please register, ext. 360.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES

Dec. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will make a craft, listen to stories, and play [illegible]es from the holiday traditions of Christmas, Las Posadas, and Kwanzaa. Please register, ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRE-SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Dec. 11, Tues. 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear a special story or two and make an ornament for their family's tree. Please register.

HOLIDAY TREES

Dec. 13, Thurs. 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, can decorate a tiny tree of their own. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 4, Tues. at 11am Children that are 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy Christmas songs and rhymes, along with Mother Goose favorites. Please register.

[illegible]E-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 11, Tues. at 11am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a Christmas celebration with stories, games, and a craft. Please register.

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TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 12, Wed. at 4pm Kids 11 years of age and older are invited to play games and make a holiday craft. Please register.

CHRISTMAS IN CAMELOT

Dec. 15, Sat. at 1pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear from *Christmas in Camelot*, a *Magic Treehouse* adventure, play games, and make a craft. Please register.

Griffith Branch

www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 3 & 17, Mon. at 10:30am Very young children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy this lap-sit program with rhymes and rhythms. Pleasae register.

FRIENDS OF POOH

Dec. 5, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will decorate cookies shaped like Winnie the Pooh and his Hundred Acre friends after listening to the story in which *Pooh and Piglet Go Hunting and Nearly Catch a Woozle.* Please register.

GOOD-BYE TO NARNIA

Dec. 8, Sat. at 10:30am Children of all ages are invited to talk about *The Magician's Nephew* written by C. S. Lewis. Breakfast treats will be served. Please register.

SUPER TOT CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dec. 18, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will make a red mitten to hang on their Christmas tree after listening to a story about red mittens. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dec. 18, Tues. at 1pm or Dec. 21, Fri. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will learn how Mrs. Claus saved Christmas with cocoa. They will also get a chance to make some of their own. Please register.

DOORNOB-NOSE ELF

Dec. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will listen to the story of *The Shoemaker and the Elves* and make a Christmas elf for a doorknob at home. Please register.

DANCE REVOLUTION

Dec. 20, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens and 'Tweens (7th through 12th grade) will enjoy an evening of Dance Revolution and dance the night away. Snacks will be served so you can re-energize! Please register.

LUNCH TIME LITTLE THEATER

Dec. 27, Thurs. at Noon Bring your lunch to the library and watch the holiday film *Polar Express* to keep that warm holiday feeling!

THE THREE STOOGES

Dec. 27, Thurs. at 3pm Children of all ages can come to the library and be entertained by films of this funny trio starting with an old vaudeville clip and ending with some *Three Stooges* cartoons.

All locations of the Lake County Public Library will close at 5 p.m, December 7, 2007.
Winter Holiday Closings: Monday & Tuesday, December 24-25
Monday, December 31, 5 p.m. New Year's Day, January 1, 2008

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

CHOCOLATE GALORE & MORE!

Dec. 1, Sat. at 1pm Teens (12 and older) will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for the library holiday programs in December. Create, eat, have fun, and earn volunteer time.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Dec. 4, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and a craft at this celebration of winter.

HOLIDAY PIZZAZZ

Dec. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm All ages will welcome the holiday season with stories, music, a puppet show, and more. Storytellers from the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild will delight participants with a variety of fun stories. The Puppetteers will entertain with a puppet show, and everyone will make an ornament to take home.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 6, Thurs. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

CHESS

Dec. 10, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids in grade 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

Dec. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will enjoy a Christmas story, play a game, and make a craft to celebrate the holidays.

GAMES GALORE & MORE!

Dec. 17, Mon. at 4pm Teens (11 and older) will eat, play a variety of games, make prizes, and win prizes and gifts as they celebrate the season. They may also play DDR, Guitar Hero, and other PlayStation games.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dec. 18, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and a craft in celebration of the Christmas season.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 20, Thurs. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will participate in Christmas stories, nursery rhymes, and music activities.

MOVIE BREAK

Dec. 27, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages will enjoy popcorn while watching a movie on the big screen. Children younger than 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult care giver.

RED CROSS BABY SITTING TRAINING

Dec. 28 & Jan. 4, Fri. from 1pm to 5pm Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will learn to care for infants and young children, to make decisions in emergency situations, and keep themselves and children safe. Both classes must be attended in order to receive certification. There is a $25 fee that must be paid at the time of registration.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 4, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute, interactive, nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

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BUSY BEES HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Dec. 5, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Special holiday stories will be featured along with songs, activities, and a holiday craft for 3 to 5 year olds. Please register.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT FAIR FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Dec. 6, Thurs. from 6pm to 8pm and Dec. 8, Sat. from 10am to Noon School age children, Kindergarten through 8th grade, may choose from a wide variety of crafts and gifts to make for the holiday season. Items will be on display at the branch for viewing and added details. A fee will be charged at the program for each craft depending on materials used. Directions for the crafts will be written out, younger children may need an adult's help. Children may make more than one item depending on the time it takes to complete.

TODDLERS' CHRISTMAS TALES

Dec. 10, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds and their caregivers will enjoy Christmas stories and related activities during this 30 minute, lap-sit program. Please register.

TEEN SEWING CLUB

Dec. 20, Thurs. at 6pm Join the fun of sewing with friends. Joanna Smith will instruct participants in different sewing projects. Bring your portable sewing machine and scissors. If you need help with a project, you may bring that as well. Please call to register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

HOLIDAY DRAWING CONTEST

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PRE-SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Dec. 4, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Dec. 5, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear holiday stories, participate in finger plays, sing songs, and make a holiday craft. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Please register.

TODDLER HOLIDAY STORY TIME

Dec. 6, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 20 to 35 months of age, accompanied with their care giver, will hear holiday stories, and participate in songs, finger plays, and a simple holiday craft. Juice and cookies will be served at this ½ hour program. Please register.

TEEN FANTASY MOVIE

Dec. 12, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12 and older, are invited to a screening of *Gremlins*, a PG film about an unusual Christmas present. Munchies will be provided.

SCHOOL AGE HOLIDAY FUN!

Dec. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear holiday stories and make a fun holiday craft. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2400 Central Ave., 962-2409

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Dec. 12, Wed. at 6pm Children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch to a story hour and celebrate the Christmas season with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO

Dec. 14, Fri. at 10:30am Children, ages 18 to 35 months, with an adult care giver, are invited to attend a Christmas season lap-sit story time. Children, with the assistance of the adults, will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

CELEBRATE SPRING

Dec. 19, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to participate in a Christmas program that will include stories and a special holiday craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Dec. 4, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 4 and 5 years old, are invited to a holiday story time that will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Dec. 5, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will travel the globe through crafts and treats as we take a look at the different seasonal holidays happening around the world.

SNACK & PLAN

Dec. 6, Thurs. 4:30pm to 5:30pm Munster Branch's monthly Young Adult meeting for students currently in 5th grade or higher offers a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome, as are suggestions from those unable to make it to this month's meeting. Call Brittany with your ideas. Refreshments will be served.

READING BUDDIES

Dec. 7 & 21, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this *off-site* story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the first and third Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

FLICKS & FUN

Dec. 8, Sat. at 2pm Enjoy a movie on the big screen at the library. Disney's *Snow Dogs* will be shown for children of all ages. Bring your own munchies. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The movie is rated PG, with a running time of 99 minutes.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Dec. 10, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Young children, 2 and 3 years old, accompanied by a care giver, are invited to a 30-45 minute story time. The holiday program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

TEENS ONLY!

Dec. 13, Thurs. at 6pm Students currently in 5th grade or higher are invited to relax and enjoy the feature film *Bruce Almighty*. Some munchies will be provided, but personal snacks are allowed. The movie is rated PG-13 with a running time of 102 minutes.

FLICKS & FUN

Dec. 28, Fri. at 2pm Enjoy a movie on the big screen at the library. Disney's *Ratatouille* will be shown for children of all ages. Bring your own munchies. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The movie is rated G, with a running time of 111 minutes.

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ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS

Dec. 4, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear Christmas stories with familiar characters, such as Frosty and Rudolph, watch a holiday film, and make a simple craft. Please register.

STAMP IT!

Dec. 8, Sat. at 1pm Children ages 8 and older can join professional stamper, Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan, as she demonstrates three seasonal projects that can be completed and taken home. There is a $3 fee per child, due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

COOK A BOOK CLUB

Dec. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear the story, *Polar Express*, make a special polar dessert, and enjoy some hot chocolate. Please register.

OPEN GAMING

Dec. 13, Thurs. at 6pm Teens (11 and older) will enjoy open play on Guitar Hero and Dance, Dance Revolution (bring a clean pair of socks to play) on play station. A variety of board games will also be available. Please register.

BUILDING WITH LOWE'S

Dec. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will put on a carpenter's apron and goggles, choose a wood-project-kit, and build using provided hammers and nails. The building experts from Lowe's will guide the project to completion. Please register.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

SANDWICH & A MOVIE

Dec. 1, Sat. at Noon School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to bring a sack lunch and watch the Pixar animated comedy production of *Ratatouille*. This movie is 110 minutes and rated G for general audiences. Please do not bring red or other dark liquids. Please register.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Dec. 11, Tues. at 10:30am or Dec. 12, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate the holidays with stories, songs, finger plays, and make a craft. Please register.

STAMPIN'UP! FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Dec. 15, Sat. from 1pm to 2pm Children ages 8 and older will enjoy creating holiday projects with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! There is a $3 fee, due at the time of the class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

What do snowmen wear on their heads?
Ice caps!

What sort of ball doesn't bounce ?
A snowball !

What do you get if cross a snowman and a shark?
Frost bite.

What do snowmen eat for lunch?
Icebergers!